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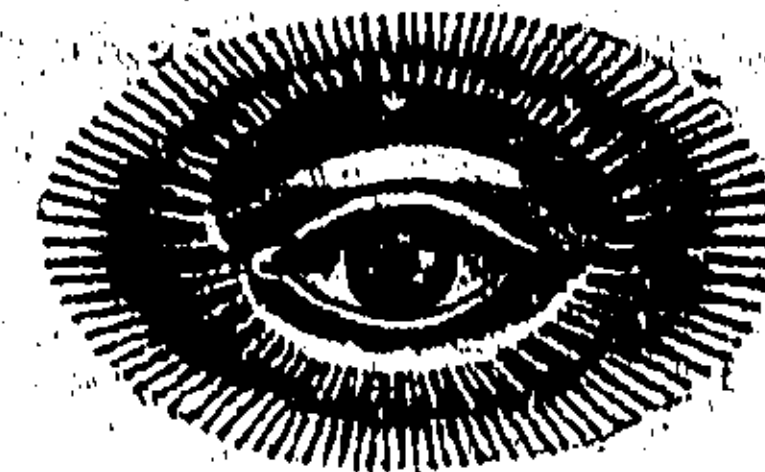
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HANKOW FAILURE.

Another Breakdown at the Eleventh Hour.

FINAL MEETING.

Nationalist Foreign Office's Cryptic Statement.

Hankow, Feb. 14.

It is believed that the Chen and O'Malley negotiations have again broken down at the eleventh hour.—Reuter.

Later.

The agreement has not been signed, after what is believed to be the final conference.

The Nationalist Foreign Office states: "There is nothing to say, but that does not mean there is trouble."—Reuter.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

Home Government On The Alert.

Rugby, Feb. 14.

A number of questions were asked in the House of Commons about relations with Russia. One

COMING TO CHINA.

A Thousand Marines Reach Colombo.

Colombo, Feb. 14.

The "Minneapolis" with a thousand Marines has arrived here. She is going to China. The Goldstream Guards are expected to-morrow.—Reuter.

was whether any communication had passed between the Soviet Republic and the Foreign Office on the subject of China.

Mr. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the negative.

A Conservative member asked for a statement regarding the present position between this country and Russia in regard to Russia's obligations under the Trade Agreement to abstain from hostile propaganda.

Mr. Locker Lampson replied that there had been no change since the situation was last discussed in the House, but the Government was keeping the matter under review.

There was ample evidence of hostile propaganda by the Soviet Authorities against this country, and he had often complained to the Soviet representative here of such breaches of the Trade Agreement.—British Wireless Service.

Our Trade With Russia.

London, Feb. 14. Mr. Samuel, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, stated in the House of Commons that, roughly speaking, this country had sold to Russia in 1925 goods worth about \$19,000,000 and in 1926 goods worth about \$14,500,000. British figures of trade with Russia were down all round.—British Wireless Service.

A Tsarist Policy.

Soon certain palpable truths will be driven home in Washington and Tokyo as they are already driven home in Canton, remarked Mr. J. L. Garvin in the "Observer" in mail week. Mr. Chen knows well that the last thing Russian diplomacy wants is a united China. The present foreign policy of Moscow is intensely Tsarist. Nothing could be more certain of ultimate conflict than the exaggerated Nationalism of China and the Tsarist penetration of China projected by Moscow. Chang Tao-lin is probably as aware of Mr. Borodin's true purpose as is Mr. Chen. The British point of view about China will reap its reward in China and outside, probably sooner than we think. It is our business to prepare for that event by maintaining our stake in the vast commercial benefits that are open to the friends of China. Even now foreign trade with China is a striking phenomenon. It will become more "phenomenal."

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Boycott of H.M.S. "Teal" Slightly Lifted.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities:—The boycott of H.M.S. "Teal" at Wanshan has been lifted slightly.

TRADE UNIONS.

Making Their Position Clear.

GENERAL STRIKE THREAT.

London, Feb. 14.

The House of Commons by 135 to 135 votes rejected the Labour Amendment opposing the projected trade union legislation and adopted the Address replying to the Speech from the Throne.

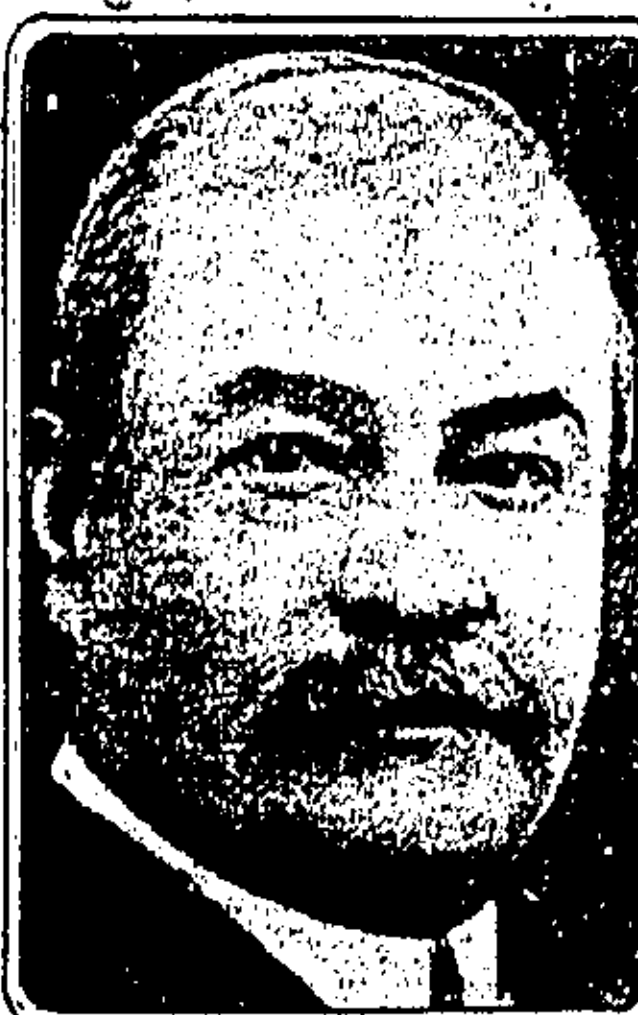
The Labour leaders were uncertain of the Government's intentions, but Mr. G. R. Clynes said the proposed legislation was an unmistakable portent of further industrial conflict and internal unsettlement. It was a partisan measure designed to cripple organised labour.

Sir Douglas Hogg, replying for the Government, did not define the Government's intentions. He said that when authorities like Sir Henry Slesser and Sir John Simon were diametrically opposed regarding the legality of the general strike it was at least the duty of the Government to define the law, and when certain Labour Party speeches indicated that a responsible section of the Trade Union Movement was preparing for advocating another general strike, it was a heavy responsibility for the Government to allow the preparations to continue without preparing the deal with or prevent it.—Reuter.

NOT TO STAND.

BUTLER AND ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT.

New York, Feb. 14. Dr. Butler, President of Columbia University, created a stir in New York State Republican circles



DR. NICHOLAS M. BUTLER.

when he declared he had no intention of being a candidate for the Republican nomination in the Presidential election of 1928.—Reuter's American Service.

TOO SOON YET.

BRITAIN THINKING OVER DISARMAMENT.

Rugby, Feb. 14.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons regarding President Coolidge's proposals for further naval disarmament.

The Premier replied that the Government was giving the proposals most earnest consideration.

It was too early yet to make a statement.

President Coolidge's communication was only received last Thursday night, and many considerations had to be borne in mind.—British Wireless Service.

WORLD PEACE.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS' POWERS.

Rugby, Feb. 14.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the December meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, a committee is meeting in London to-morrow to draft the definition of Article XI of the League Covenant which deals with the action to be taken by League members in the event of war, or the threat of war, in order to safeguard peace.—British Wireless Service.

For smuggling into the Colony two tons of opium, an employee on board the s.s. "Kwei Chow" was fined \$200 with the alternative of two months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy this morning.

TRAIN SMASH.

An Express And A Local Collide.

EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED.

Rugby, Feb. 14.

In the railway disaster near Hull the death toll is officially stated to be eight.

A considerable number of the passengers were injured.

The collision was between an express and a local train.

Seven carriages of the latter were telescoped.

This train carried a large number of school children, many of whom were among the injured.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER NEWS.

London, Feb. 14.

It is estimated that twelve people were killed in a collision near Hull between the express from Withernsea and the Scarborough express. Six Withernsea coaches, the passengers in which were mostly school children were telescoped. The school coach containing business men was wrecked.—Reuter.

ONLY 6,000 LEFT.

America's Dwindling Reds.

SPECIAL DELEGATE COMEDY.

New York, Feb. 14. According to a survey of American Communism, issued by the Rand School of Social Science there are now only about 6,000 members of the Communist Party of America compared with 35,000 in 1919.

The survey reveals that the man chosen in 1920 by "the underground group" of the Party to represent American Communists at the secret session of the Third International is said to have been held at Amsterdam and turned out to be in the pay of both Scotland Yard and the United States Department of Justice.—Reuter's American Service.

FAMILY DISPUTE.

HUSBAND AND WIFE IN COURT.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

An argument over the pawning of some clothing led to the appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsay this morning of a Pokfulam couple on a charge of assaulting his wife.

The woman, whose clothing was more or less covered with blood, and whose head was heavily bandaged, appeared as complainant in the case.

Defendant having admitted the assault, was asked by his Worship why, and with what, he had broken his wife's head. He denied having caused the spilling of blood, claiming that he "merely pushed her over and she hit her head against a tin."

In reply to his Worship the woman said that the altercation started as a result of the defendant's brother having ordered her out of the house.

Mr. Lindsay: Are you willing to go back to your husband?—Yes.

His Worship (to defendant): If I let you go are you willing to take her back and to treat her properly?—If she will keep quiet. Observing that he could not concern himself with conditions, his Worship bound over husband and wife in \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

STREET THEFT.

Mr. J. Dick, of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., Ltd., has reported to the police that two cases of Scott's Emulsion, valued at \$88, have been stolen from a truck left standing outside the firm's office in Chater Road yesterday afternoon.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/3.

UNION INSURANCE.

Hong Kong Control of Business.

ARTICLES AMENDED.

Mr. J. A. Plummer presided over a special meeting of the Union Insurance of Canton, Ltd., this morning.

Other directors present were Messrs. T. G. Weall, W. L. Patten, W. H. Bell, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, with the General Manager, Mr. Paul Lauder.

Shareholders present were: Sir Henry Pollock, Messrs. W. E. L. Shenton, R. A. Dastur, J. Bentley, J. W. Alabaster, A. Sommerfelt, G. S. Archbutt, A. C. Hay, H. C. B. Way, A. E. S. Alves, B. M. C. da Cunha, J. Gardner, W. F. Gardner, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro and M. A. R. Sousa.

Chairman's Speech.

Mr. P. Lauder having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

This meeting has been called to consider the resolution which has been read to you by the General

COLOMBO STRIKE.

Attempt To Bring Out Coal Coolies.

Colombo, Feb. 14. A thousand harbour coolies are striking for a rise in wages. An attempt is being made to bring out the coal coolies.

The "Jervis Bay" (Australian Commonwealth Line) did not discharge her Colombo cargo as the crew refused to unload her.—Reuter.

Manager in the notice convening this meeting. The Society's Articles of Association have recently been scrutinised by eminent Counsel in London and by our Solicitors in Hong Kong and they agreed that it is expedient and in the best interests of the shareholders to amend the Articles by providing that Board meetings and general meetings shall be held in Hong Kong or at such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Board may from time to time determine. Your directors in consultation with our lawyers have also thought it advisable that our Articles should clearly indicate that the business of the Society is managed, conducted and controlled from its head office in Hong Kong. I therefore strongly recommend your support to the proposals placed before you and beg formally to propose that the Articles be amended in the manner outlined in the resolution that has been read to you. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may care to ask.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded the resolution which was carried. There were no questions.

The Chairman announced that there would be another meeting on March 4 for the purpose of confirming the resolution.

CHINA FIRE MEETING.

A special meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was held this morning, Mr. J. A. Plummer presiding.

Other directors present were Messrs. T. G. Weall, W. L. Patten, W. H. Bell, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, with the General Manager, Mr. Paul Lauder.

Shareholders present were: Messrs. W. E. L. Shenton, J. Bentley, C. D. Wales, S. M. Gardner, J. H. M. Andrew, J. W. Alabaster, A. Sommerfelt, G. S. Archbutt, A. C. Hay, E. A. Brodie, H. E. Orr, D. A. Rushton, H. C. B. Way, L. D. G. Hoare, A. A. Alves, B. M. C. da Cunha, F. A. Farne, J. Gardner, W. F. Gardner, V. L. dos Remedios and V. R. V. Ribeiro.

Chairman's Speech.

Mr. Paul Lauder having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

This meeting has been called to consider the resolution which has been read to you by the General Manager in the notice convening this meeting. The Company's Articles of Association have recently been scrutinised by eminent Counsel in London and by our Solicitors in Hong Kong

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HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

SEIYO MARU Monday, 21st February.

TOKUCHIMA MARU Monday, 28th February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

OSAKA MARU Friday, 18th February.

MUKORAN MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Friday, 19th February.

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FREIGHT UNIFORMITY QUESTION.

BRITISH CHAMBERS' APPEAL.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce, who recently forwarded to the President of the Board of Trade a statement of their views on various topics coming within the purview of the Imperial Conference, accompany their statement with the following memorandum regarding uniformity in rules for the carriage of goods by sea.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce is strongly in favour of every possible effect being made by the Imperial Conference to achieve further progress throughout the Empire towards the adoption of uniform rules for the carriage of goods by sea and a fair and equitable form of bill of lading. The community of the United Kingdom desires uniformity on this subject so that a vessel carrying cargo on one voyage to a number of different countries may not be subject to different legal liabilities in the various ports of call.

As His Majesty's Government is aware, the subject has received a great deal of attention during recent years, and some progress has been made already in securing agreements with foreign countries. The recommendations of the Imperial Shipping Committee in 1921 were adopted at an Imperial Conference later in the same year, and what came to be known as The Hague Rules, adopted at a Brussels Diplomatic Conference in 1923, were in line with the recommendations of the Imperial Shipping Committee.

Identical Measures Passed. Since then difficulties have been encountered in securing the enactment of the agreement in a number of foreign countries. The association believes that uniformity in the matter throughout the maritime world is not only desirable in the interests of trade, but is possible of attainment by concerted effort on the part of all concerned.

The association feels that uniformity throughout the Empire is in itself highly desirable from the point of view of Imperial trade development, and is further of the opinion that a lead in the matter by the Empire would have an important influence on the attitude of foreign countries not at present disposed to give effect to the Brussels agreement.

The association believes that if accord can be secured throughout the Empire the task of convincing foreign nations of the desirability of general international uniformity will be greatly facilitated. As regards the self-governing Dominions and India, it is understood that Australia and India have passed measures almost identical with the United Kingdom rules for the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924, and that New Zealand, which legislated in 1922, is willing to review its Act in view of the desirability of uniformity.

In the case of the Crown Colonies, it is understood that legislation in harmony with that of the United Kingdom has been passed in Barbados, Leeward Islands, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Gibraltar, Zanzibar, Sierra Leone, Malay States, Granada, Gilbert and Ellice Island Colony.

The association suggests that the Imperial Conference should invite the other Dominions, and Crown Colonies to initiate the necessary legislation.

Mr. Larkin, who recently resigned the chairmanship of the Commonwealth Board, has withdrawn his resignation.

"La Nacion" Santiago de Chile correspondent says that 67 members of the crew of the Chilean transport "Arauco" were drowned when the vessel sank at Lota during a violent storm, and 29 men were saved.

The shipbuilding output at Sunderland for last year is only eight vessels, of an aggregate gross tonnage of 36,979 tons, by far the lowest on record. Only five out of 14 yards have had launches.

The Bristol Port Authority has accepted a local tender for work in connection with the model of Avonmouth Dock. This was originally made by a member of the dock engineer's staff and was on exhibition at Wembley.

Mr. Frederick Palmer, president of the Institute of Civil Engineers, left Southampton by the White Star liner "Olympic" for New York. He is en route to Canada, where he will make a preliminary survey of the site for the terminal port at Hudson Bay Railroad.

A Madrid message states: successful trials have been made at Barcelona with a new invention by a Spanish engineer, which is claimed to give ships an enormously increased speed. The invention is kept a close secret, but it is stated that it may produce a revolution in shipping.

ARMS ON JUNKS.

POLICE MAKE TWO BIG HAULS.

Raiding a junk at Yaumati Bay on Sunday evening, officers of the Imports and Exports Department discovered no less than 12,000 rounds of ammunition. As a result of investigations made on the spot, the mistress of the junk was taken into custody.

Another seizure was made near the same spot later in the day, four pistols and 700 rounds of ammunition being found in a sampan. As in the former case, the mistress of the sampan was arrested; and it is understood, will be charged at the Yaumati Magistracy in due course.

DELETERIOUS DRUGS

LIABILITY OF SHIPOWNERS AND MASTERS.

Singapore, Feb. 5. A bill is to come before the Legislative Council on Monday to amend the law relating to deleterious drugs so as to embody in it such of the provisions of the International Opium Convention signed at Geneva on February 19, 1925, as are applicable to the Colony.

Among amendments proposed are that the bona fide traveller who is in possession of deleterious drugs will no longer enjoy exemption from any of the provisions of the Ordinance.

The restrictions hitherto existing as to the importation, possession, sale, etc., of hypodermic syringes are removed as unnecessarily interfering with the legitimate use of such syringes.

As the law stands, if a ship is used for the importation or exportation or for the receipt and storage of deleterious drugs contrary to the Ordinance, the master and owner are liable to a penalty, unless it be proved that none of the ship's company is implicated in placing or keeping the drug in the ship. Under the bill, the master or owner will not be liable, if it is proved that he himself was not implicated in the placing or keeping of the drug in the ship and the offence was committed without his knowledge, consent or connivance.

SEA TREASURE.

SALVAGE TENDERS FOR £10,000,000 WORTH.

The Greek Government is inviting tenders for salvage work on vessels sunk in the Aegean and Ionian seas, and a proclamation giving details of the offer was issued in London recently by the Greek Minister in London.

Proposals are sought from all nations, and privileges will be granted, over a period of five years to the country offering the best salvage royalties to the Greek State on recovered treasure.

A minimum of 33 per cent. is fixed, and in addition a deposit of £4,000 with the Greek State will be required at the signing of the contract.

The contract includes the Navarino treasures, but prospective competitors can submit separate conditions concerning these.

The Greek Government wishes that proposals should state the percentage of salvage royalties offered from discoveries of gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, and other precious stones, timber, iron, copper, brass, lead, etc.

[It is estimated that there is about £10,000,000 worth of gold and silver at the bottom of the sea in Navarino Bay on the Greek coast. This was lost when the British, French, and Russian squadrons sank the Turkish fleet in 1827, when over 30 ships were destroyed. The Turkish admiral's flagship alone, it is said, carried over £5,000,000.

Over £50,000 in bullion has been raised at various times, and some bronze cannon have been recovered.]

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" from Hong Kong arrived London on Feb. 10, at noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon, to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 12, at 10 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Feb. 17, at about 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nyanza" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 12, at 5 p.m., and is due here on Feb. 19, at about 6 a.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Talmu" will leave Amoy for this port on Feb. 19, p.m., and is due here on Feb. 20, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here on Feb. 26. The s.s. "Dahli" (Swedish East Asiatic Co.) left Antwerp on Jan. 26, and is due here on or about March 2.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

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Much beautiful cut glass for table use has been taken from the royal yacht and the Victualling Yards. Some very handsome silver—sauces, boats, jugs, entree dishes, and so on—has been loaned from the royal yacht, while the china which will be used is the fluted, white, gold-crested Admiral's china.

2,000 Birds.

In the kitchens proper have been fitted an electric grill and an electric oven, newcomers which the cooks welcome as being so clean.

Near a big range with closed stoves, and on the same level, is the coal batch.

As in many of the famous kitchens in London, tin-lined copper utensils are to be used for cooking.

The chief steward of the "Renown" Mr. W. H. Franks, who is responsible for the catering, arrangements, has spent a week in London getting a little insight into the tastes of the Duke and Duchess of York.

In addition to some fresh milk, there will be taken aboard supplies of sterilised milk in sealed bottles," said Mr. Franks. "This will be kept in the refrigerating chambers—

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
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MONTEVIDEO MARU	Tuesday, 1st of March.
HAWAII MARU	Friday, 1st April.
BOMBAY.—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Sunday, 6th March.
SHINNOH MARU	Sunday, 6th March.
SHUNGO MARU	Saturday, 19th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA.—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Friday, 18th March.
CANADA MARU	Friday, 18th March.
CALCUTTA.—Via Singapore and Rangoon.	Sunday, 27th March.
BINGO MARU	Sunday, 27th March.
BANGKOK.—Via Saigon.	Middle of March.
KOSU MARU	Middle of March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	Thursday, 3rd March.
HAIPHONG.—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.	Thursday, 3rd March.
TAIKWA MARU	Thursday, 3rd March.
NEW YORK.—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.	Friday, 15th February.
ARGUN MARU	Friday, 15th February.
JAPAN PORTS	Saturday, 19th February.
ALASKA MARU	Saturday, 19th February.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 20th February, 10 a.m.
KAIJO MARU	Sunday, 27th Feb., 10 a.m.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 27th Feb., 10 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 24th February, 8 a.m.
KOSU MARU	Thursday, 24th February, 8 a.m.
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KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELORE	6,862	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	12th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	10th March	Marseilles & London
MACEONIA	10,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	8,155	10th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
DEVANHA	8,155	10th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,902	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELORE	6,862	13th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	13th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	26th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,902	12th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
KALYAN	9,144	19th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MACEONIA	10,120	26th July	Marseilles & London

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SHIRALA	7,841	4th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
CAMBHARA	5,257	18th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	6,949	24th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,010	31st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	6,968	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Ipoh, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
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MACEONIA	10,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	6th March	Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	12th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	8,155	14th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,010	18th March	Kobe
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DELTA	8,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	6th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,841	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELORE	6,862	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,968	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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SHIPPING BUSINESS.

A REVIEW OF LAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

IMPROVED EARNINGS.

In their "Shipping Report for 1926," Messrs. Turner, Davidson & Co., of London, write:—

"The first few months of the year under review opened more or less on a par with the previous two or three years; a general state of depression, a natural lack of interest on the part of owners to increase their fleets, and little, if any, work in the shipyards. With the advent of the coal strike, matters took a different turn. The urgent need for coal in this country by the municipal authorities, gas companies, railways, etc., gave to shipping that impetus which owners had been seeking and hoping for some years past. Those countries which, for ages, had been in the habit of importing large stocks of British coal, had to report to others for their supplies. America obtained the bulk of the business usually done by the home country; Germany benefited considerably; while Australia, South Africa and India exported to markets which, in the ordinary course of events, would never have been theirs.

"Naturally, with the keen demand for tonnage, freight markets all over the world improved considerably. Prices of vessels immediately took a jump, and it would be fair to estimate to suggest that prices increased in a number of cases, some 20 per cent. In a number of instances, steamers were sold at enhanced prices which would never have been realised had things remained as at the early part of the year. One of the oldest shipowning firms in London have, during the course of this year, purchased something like a dozen steamers, mainly in the neighbourhood of 5,000 tons d.w. of the single-deck type, about 20 years old, being of the opinion that the cost of upkeep, repairs, etc., of comparatively old tonnage is preferable to paying a higher price for modern ships of the same size.

State-owned Fleets.

"The Polish Government have during the current year come into the ranks of shipowners, having purchased five 3,000-ton single deckers, built during 1925-1926, for something in the neighbourhood of £150,000. While on the point of Government shipowning, it is interesting to note that the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers have disposed of all the tramp tonnage they owned, now retaining only their fast passenger and cargo steamers for 'berth' business. The Canadian and American Governments have also disposed of some of their ships, but the United States Shipping Board still retain a very big fleet, no doubt finding it difficult to find buyers sufficiently courageous to purchase on the conditions laid down. The South African Government have increased their fleet by two new steamers, and have disposed of one old boat, while private enterprise in India has ordered three new boats. The Egyptian Government voted a sum for the purchase of a fleet of cargo steamers, but so far nothing has been done.

Hopeful Signs.

"With the improvement in earnings, a number of owners, who for some time past were no doubt contemplating contracting for the building of tonnage, and possibly foreseeing a continuance of good times, placed orders with British yards for various sized steamers. Lord Glenelg, Sir William Reardon Smith (on behalf of their respective companies), Messrs. Hogarth, to quote just a few, have contracted between them for a considerable quantity of tonnage, and it is hoped that they will be well compensated in due time for their courage; while a North Country shipowner, in conjunction with a famous London shipowner, has recently purchased one of the many closed shipyards on the East Coast—a sign that at all events a few old-established owners are of the opinion that we have turned the corner. One or two other yards temporarily closed have again opened their doors, but in general shipbuilders have been and are still having a very lean time.

"Where building orders are given Diesel boats predominate. For this type of vessel, say of 8,000 tons, the price may be taken as round about £12 10s. per ton, an advance of about 20s. per ton as compared with 12 months ago; while the price for ordinary steam tonnage of the same size may be taken as £9 per ton, about £1 per ton higher than last year.

"Tonnage for breaking up has not been sold nearly so freely this year, as many ships of this class allocated for breaking were allowed, by permission of the authorities, to make one or two voyages during the strike; but this market will no doubt show a revival ere long.

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BACK TO THE FLAG.

HOW WHITE STAR LINE WAS SOLD.

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A romantic story of the fight for ownership of a famous fleet of four dramatic last-hour failures, and of intervention by the British and American Governments, lies behind the official announcement recently that the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company had acquired the shares capital of the White Star Line from January 1, 1927.

Politics have played almost as great a part as high finance in the history of the White Star Line. The latest negotiations with Lord Kysant were opened a few weeks after the breakdown of the sale to the Furness Withy group. Mr. Franklin, the president of the International Mercantile Marine, arrived in London immediately after the breakdown to meet Lord Kysant to discuss terms with him. The price offered by the Royal Mail Company was more than £7,000,000 and this was agreed to by the directors of the American company at a subsequent meeting.

Part of the purchase price was paid immediately in cash, and the remainder in instalments over a number of years.

The deal brings the Royal Mail tonnage to more than 2,700,000, the largest of any company in the world. It sets the seal on Lord Kysant's ambition to gain Britain the undisputed mastery of mercantile shipping.

The White Star Line has a tonnage of 550,000 and includes the famous "Mauretania," "Olympic," and "Homeric." These ships, though American-owned, have always flown the British flag, as this was part of the original agreement under which they were purchased by the American company.

Greater developments in large ships are contemplated in the future. The importance of the purchase far outweighs the tonnage of the fleet. It will ensure that orders for the building of the mighty ships of the future will go to British shipyards, and that British labour alone will be employed on their construction. The scheme of shipbuilding laid down by the late Lord Birrie will be carried out, and the order for the 60,000 tons White Star liner will be placed with Harland and Wolff.

The dramatic struggle for the possession of the White Star Line goes back to 1902, when, with the Leyland line, the Dominion line and several other smaller lines, it was incorporated with the International Mercantile Marine Company of America.

A clause was inserted in the deed of sale as a result of strong public criticism that the ships should continue to fly the British flag. They were prohibited from being transferred to a foreign flag without the consent of the Board of Trade.

Lord Kysant, whose ambition had always been to bring the famous ships back to British ownership, made an offer to the directors of the International Mercantile Marine Company at the end of the war. He offered £27,000,000 for the 88 British-flag ships, which had a gross tonnage of 750,000.

The American company agreed to sell, and the ships were on the eve of being handed over when there was a last-minute intervention by President Wilson. He asked that the transfer should be postponed to allow the United States Shipping Board to consider it.

A few weeks later the United States Shipping Board offered the same price as the English syndicate. This offer was accepted. An agreement was signed, and for the second time in two months the White Star fleet was apparently sold.

SHAREHOLDERS REPUDIATE DIRECTORS' ACTION.

Another hitch followed before the ships could be handed over. The British Government stepped in and forbade the sale. Under the original contract they had the first option on all the ships. They did not want them, but they did not intend the American Government to have them.

There was a deadlock till, two months later, the United States Shipping Board were instructed by their Government to repudiate the contract. They gave permission for the original sale to Lord Kysant to be completed.

Again negotiations were re-opened, and again an offer was made and accepted. Shipping conditions had changed in the months that elapsed. The Government control of shipping had been taken off, and magnificent ships like the White Star fleet were immensely valuable. At a dramatic meeting the shareholders of the International Mercantile Marine repudiated their directors, and refused to confirm the sale.

Mr. Franklin and his co-directors were still anxious to sell, and in April of last year a new move took place when an English group, headed by Sir Frederick Lewis, of Furness Withy, made an offer for the White Star fleet alone.

from London to New York would affect the rate of exchange between the pound and the dollar. The notorious gold standard was threatened, and British shipping had to suffer.

Negotiations broke down. These were reopened later, but without success.

Lord Kysant then seized the opportunity for which he had waited eight years. He informed Mr. Franklin that his company would be prepared to consider the purchase of the White Star fleet.

Mr. Franklin hurried to London. Negotiations were opened, and successfully completed.

Lord Kysant, who with this purchase becomes the greatest figure in British shipping, was practically unknown in the shipping world when he joined the R.M.S.P. but to-day (says the "Sunday Express"), he is the superman of British shipping.

WASHED OVERBOARD.

THE MISFORTUNES OF A SHIP'S COMPANY.

The tragic message from the steamer "Andrea," saying "Captain drowned; presumably washed overboard," received from Flushing, shows how ill-luck sometimes pursues a ship's company.

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The captain appears to have been caught in a huge wave during a gale and swept over the side. Cases are known of similar incidents where sailors have been washed on board again and clung safely to deck fittings.

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Mar. 15	San Francisco	Olympic	Apr. 16	Cyprus-Smyrna
Mar. 22	Seattle	Gen. Washington	Apr. 23	Punta-Cbrg
Mar. 29	San Francisco	Homeric	Apr. 30	Cyprus-Smyrna
Apr. 5	Seattle	Loisiana	May 7	Cyprus-Smyrna
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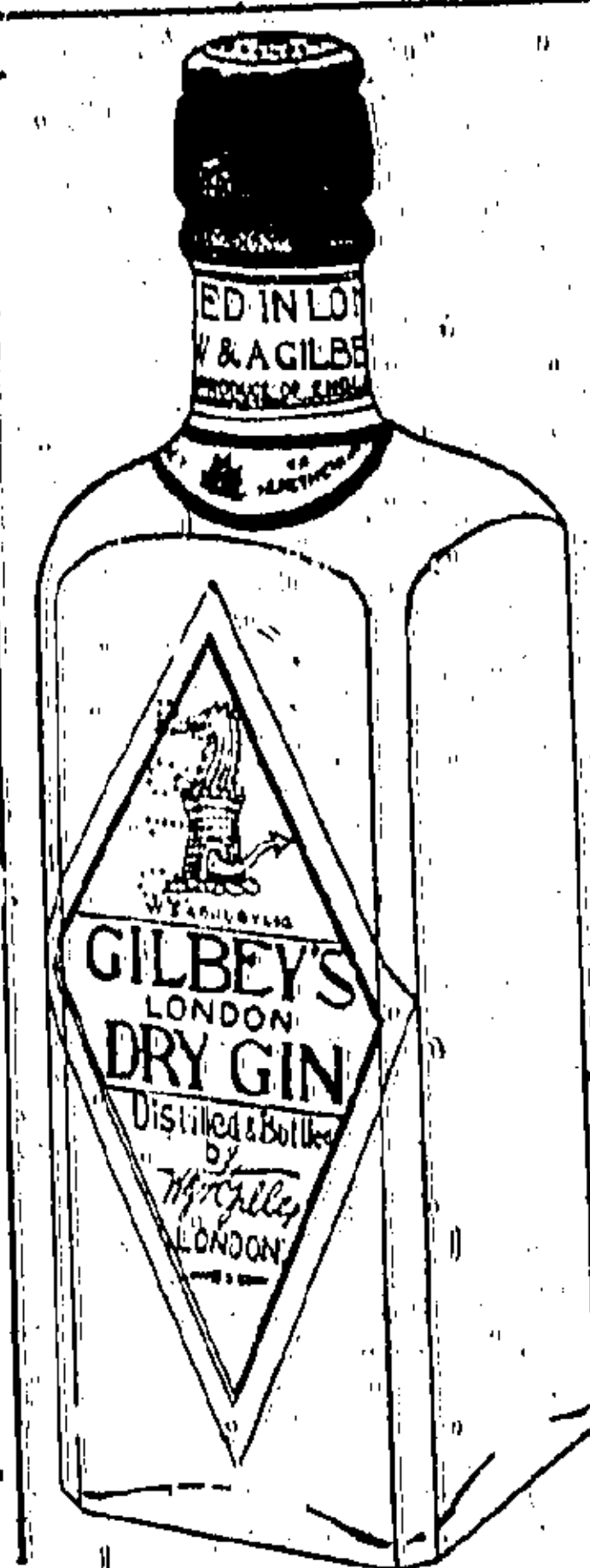
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DEATH.

EDWARDS.—On February 12th, at
Bangkok, Robert Campbell
Edwards, of the Hong Kong &
Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1927.

A PLAGUE SPOT?

Ridicule and cynicism serve at times as very good ammunition to demolish an opponent's arguments. In the case of a corporation, which, of course, is not supposed to have any soul or conscience, he who "writes sarcastic" about its activities often scores a "bull" when straight talking would fail to make the slightest impression. A masterly example is to be found in our correspondence columns to-day. It deals with the Sanitary Board's decision in regard to the squatters' cesspools at Kowloon Tong, and clearly demonstrates that the state of affairs—and the danger to public health—is much more serious than what many of our readers may have gathered from the Press reports of the meeting last week. Moreover, it is not disclosed in the reports or the letter appearing to-day (unless by inference) that the cesspools complained of have nothing in common with the ordinary type of cesspool formed by a natural pool or even disused well. They are cesspools constructed of solid concrete, and in them are to be found decomposing human faeces, the odour from which, according to the direction of the wind, is most repellent to the residents of Kowloon Tong—the promised Garden City and Town Beautiful of the Colony! As our correspondent strongly emphasises these cesspools are reservoirs of typhoid and dysentery germs. The squatters' manure heaps are potential breeding places of flies—the worst known carriers of disease.

Argument upon argument was forthcoming at the meeting of the Sanitary Board in favour of revoking the permits granted to the squatters who are menacing the health not alone of the 210 Chinese and 40 non-Chinese subscribers to the Kowloon Tong building scheme, but of the entire population of Kowloon and the New Territories. Even the Board's Medical Officer objected to the cesspools as noisome, emphasising that manure in any shape or form should not be brought into such close proximity to any residential area.

The decision of the Sanitary Board to take no action against the offending squatters is termed a surprising one. It is more than that, as our correspondent pertinently remarks. It is a farce and nothing less than a farce when viewed from the standpoint of the public health. Looking to the narrow majority by which Mr. Braga's motion was lost, and remembering the opinion held by the Medical Officer of Health, perhaps the Government will be moved to take action independent of the Sanitary Board. The summer weather will soon be here, when the nuisance complained of will be rendered a thousand times more acute. "No one—not even the Government—can look forward with equanimity to the risk of an epidemic of typhoid or dysentery on the mainland. Surely the narrow interests of three or four squatters cannot be subordinated to those of the whole population of Kowloon Tong in particular and of Kowloon in general?

India's Pariah Dogs.

Pariah dogs, many of them suffering from rabies, comprise a serious nuisance in most Indian towns and cities, and there will be general sympathy with the outcry, which, has lately been raised in Calcutta, at the increase in the number of these animals. They have multiplied in Calcutta in recent years to such an extent that they now comprise, to quote a local paper, "one of the crying evils of city life." That the prevalence of rabies has been growing in Calcutta is indicated by a statement of the Director of the Tropical School of Medicine, who states that the number of people applying for treatment for dog bites has rapidly increased annually until now there is a monthly average of 400 cases treated at that institution. Some of the cases are said to be trivial, but many of them are of a serious nature, and it is understood that a considerable percentage of the patients are Calcutta residents. The Calcutta Corporation has

been blamed for its alleged apathy in the matter which is to be taken up by the Commissioners. Judging from a question of which notice has been given, the executive officer will be urged to add to the number of men at present employed in destroying pariah dogs and to take other radical measures to minimise the evil the animals constitute.

CORRESPONDENCE.

KOWLOON TONG CESSPOOLS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
Sir,—For the benefit of those who, disgusted with the outcome of the debate at the Sanitary Board on Wednesday last, regarding the withdrawal of permits to new squatters, did not care to read a few columns of prose, allow me to recapitulate the proceedings as best as I can gather and infer from two of our daily newspapers.

The local Government, as part of the scheme for public improvements, resumes at an enormous cost; a low-lying village in very close proximity to a growing residential district of Kowloon Tong. The Sanitary Board, whose function is also to see that the Colony's supply of vegetables—fertilised by human excreta—does not run short, grants permits to cultivate the land regardless of the disastrous consequences to the vicinity and knowing too well the inveterate habits of local farmers.

The Kowloon Tong residents, unable to stand the stench of decomposing human faeces and the swarms of flies infesting the place, request Mr. Braga to take the matter up before the Sanitary Board. Mr. Braga, convinced that the Sanitary Board is not playing the game, strongly appeals to it to revoke the permits granted to the new squatters, on the ground that the dung-heaps used for manure are potential breeding places of flies—the worst known carriers of disease—and the cesspools the reservoirs of typhoid and dysentery germs.

Mr. Braga finishes by warning the Sanitary Board that a duty is imposed on it to recommend measures to remove the likely sources for the spread of epidemics. Dr. Ho enthusiastically seconds the motion. He does not think its adoption is going to work any hardships considering that the squatters—one of whom hails from Cheung Sha Wan—do not enjoy any prescriptive rights, and number only three or four, whereas the subscribers to the Kowloon Tong building scheme are 250, of whom 210 are Chinese. Dr. Pope, M.O.H., objects to the cesspools as noisome, and emphasises that manure in any shape or form should not be brought into such close proximity to any residential area.

Lieut.-Col. Boylan Smith supports the motion. The convenience of squatters should not be put before the question of public health. Such people as these would not give up their old habits, and manure is very dangerous and cannot be brought with any safety within range of human dwellings.

Now comes the turn of the protector, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin. "Never mind," he says in effect, "the farmers have no prescriptive rights. They may have come from Cheung Sha Wan. We admit that they have defied us by constructing cesspools, but we must protect them. Let the Government resume the objectionable villages. We will resurrect them in a new form with the new permits. The Board has a higher function to perform. It must see that a farmer starves, and though we brought them to see that the Government supplies means for their livelihood. We can solve the intricate problem. With paternal solicitude he suggests putting a layer of earth on top of the manure. Let the Inspectors of the Board, under whose very noses the cesspools were built, instruct the farmers, and if need be, we who—in spite of a long period of incubation after notice of the motion had been given—had found no time to visit the site, shall supervise the work.

Lo, here comes the D.P.W. He is in sympathy with Mr. Braga's motion—but, my boys, not so fast! Although we are quick in granting permits, we must move slowly! Let science make gigantic strides, China pull down her secular walls, Canton open new maelots, we must cling to conservatism! The Chairman is in a dilemma. They must be consistent. How can they invoke the aid of Government to cancel the permits granted by them? Let the M.O.H. prosecute, serve notices, obtain Magistrates' orders. In fact, put the whole legal machinery in full swing and then, if the squatters do not budge, well—there they are! They are only licensees who can be moved out at short notice. The motion is put to the meeting. Surprise of surprises! Defeated by four votes to three. Who are these four "guardians of the public health" and what were their arguments against the motion? Perhaps Mr. Braga will be able to satisfy the public on this vital point since they eclipsed his arguments by a huge majority of one. The Sanitary Board should record them when it next decides to perpetuate the old system on lands resumed by Government.

Thus ended the greatest farce enacted in modern times. The proceedings will surely be handed down to posterity, as a unique example of the activities of our Sanitary Board. In the meantime the squatters' settlement is flourishing. The cesspools, instead of going 200 yards back, are spreading the classic aroma of liquified faeces and the vegetation is stirring the main road.

Yours, etc.
SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX.
Hong Kong, Feb. 14, 1927.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

MR. W. G. AVENELL LAID TO REST.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

Attended by large numbers representative of his business colleagues and the several organisations in which he had taken an active part, the funeral with military honours, of Mr. W. G. Avenell took place at Happy Valley yesterday evening.

The coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack and bore the late Mr. Avenell's helmet, belt and bayonet, was borne by members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, officers of the Corps present including Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Capt. S. J. Jordain, M.C., Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell and R. M. S. Westlake.

At the conclusion of the service a firing party from the Suffolk Regiment fired a salute over the grave and a bugler from the same Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

The principal mourners were Mr. F. P. Lenestey (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. Colman (brother-in-law and sister) Mr. E. J. Ainslie.

Large Attendance.

Among the many representatives from Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. were Messrs. R. L. Bridger, F. M. Crawford, W. A. Eustace, S. H. E. Plackett, J. C. Long, E. G. Sewell, J. C. Long, T. E. Jones, W. A. B. Taylor, D. K. Kharas, together with many other members of the staff.

From the European Y.M.C.A. were Messrs. J. H. Hunt (secretary), R. J. B. Clarke, C. James, L. Gwyll, J. Anderson, A. R. Whibley, A. Chapman, H. Greenhalgh, W. Brown, E. W. C. Altred, T. V. Harmon, G. S. Brown, R. Murray, H. G. Swinburne, J. W. Johnson, Wat Lock King, and others.

Others present included Messrs. F. A. Macintosh, G. Duncan, M.B.E., R. R. Davies, P. E. Lawrence, J. C. Fletcher, R. S. Varroette, J. M. Jack, A. Gillard, J. Fraser, J. Hyde, J. McCubbin, J. Goldenberg, A. Forbes, V. C. Labrum, J. McKirdy, H. A. Jones, R. S. W. Paterson, Chief Inspector Kent, Sub. Inspector Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, and many other friends.

Floral Tributes.

Floral tributes were sent by the following: Wife and daughter, Mother and Dad, Mother, Dorrie and Dad, Edna and Robin, Freddie. The Directors of Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd., staff, Lane Crawford, local staff, Lane Crawford, Col. Bird and Officers, H.V.D.C., Members of Sergeant's Mess, H.V.D.C., members, H.V.D.C., C. Infantry Co., H.V.D.C., Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell, H.V.D.C., the Detachment of R.A.O.C., the Kowloon Golf Club, Committee and members, Kowloon Football Club, Secretaries of the European Y.M.C.A., Members of the Y.M.C.A. Zetland Lodge of Freemasons, Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, Bradley and Co. (Machinery Dept.), William G. Jack and Co., Ltd., Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. P. Buckle, Mr. and Mrs. Bewick, D. M. Castro and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Forbes, Minnie and Eileen Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. White and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. E. Backett, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. B. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kynoch, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. E. Bullock, Cissy and Nellie Johansson, Mrs. E. Danenberg and Miss Julia Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bridger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormiston, Mrs. Spittles, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, F. Bunje, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carroll, Mrs. and Miss Hopwar, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson and Bonnie, Mrs. H. E. Kemp and family, Mrs. N. Elson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tully, Mr. and Mrs. Hast and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Monaghan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Labrum, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hla, Capt. and Mrs. Ellis Walker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, May and Nellie, Mr. and Miss Goodall, Jordain, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin, Mrs. Spaulding and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Nyea, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hast and Cissie, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Witcheil, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodger Jr., Mr. J. Benson and Mr. O. R. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Langar, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Scriven, Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Roberts.

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ROOF THAT LEAKED.

WAS THE TREATMENT AT FAULT?

A SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Allegations on the one side that the house was jerry built and that no water-proof covering would prevent water from leaking through the sides of such parapet walls as had been provided; on the other side that the "Texacoat" covering had not done all that was claimed for it, were made in the course of a Summary Court case yesterday afternoon.

"The Texas Company, of Queen's Buildings, sued Mr. A. J. Lane, civil engineer and architect, for \$145.50 in connection with work done and materials supplied.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for plaintiff and Mr. F. G. Vaux for the defendant.

Plaintiffs, approached by the defendants, it was explained, agreed to supply two coats of Texacoat to the roof of No. 4 Liberty Avenue, Homantin. It was provided that if two coats did not prevent the roof from leaking another coat would be provided free of charge provided that this was not due to any cracks developing from any settlement of the building.

It was some considerable time after the work had been done that verbal complaint was made in July and a formal complaint was made in August. The leakage complained of occurred after the heavy July rain storms.

"Shockingly Constructed."

Mr. D. G. Scott, district manager of the plaintiff firm, expressed the opinion that the house was so "shockingly" constructed that water was coming in largely through the outer sides of the parapet walls. Underneath the Canton flies which his firm had provided in addition to the Texacoat treatment, the roof should be invariably damp-proof. Witness claimed that this was not in this case.

These for the defence was that the plaintiffs had contracted to make a thoroughly satisfactory job and had not done so.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

The case was heard before Mr. H. B. Nihill (Acting Puisne Judge).

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

WIFE MAY CLAIM WHOLE ESTATE.

SELF-CONCEALMENT ATTORNEY.

Charlie Chaplin's estate, which is said to be worth over \$10,000,000 may under California law be assigned in entirety to his young wife Lita Grey Chaplin.

L. E. Brigham, attorney for Mrs. Chaplin, declares that the California divorce laws give a wife the right to claim the entire estate of her husband if she can convict him of infidelity.

Chaplin told intimate friends recently that he felt the waters closing over his head but he ought to have known better than to get married. He expressed the belief that women had a tendency to be unreasonable at times but that this occasion took "first prize."

Although we have not included a direct charge of infidelity in our complaint," said Brigham with reference to the possibility of his client claiming everything except clothing and personal effects of the comedian which were not included in the community property, "the charge is inferred from the complaint."

"It is the law that wherever infidelity has been proved, the judge may take the husband's property away from him and give it to the children. Under the terms of an ordinary divorce decree the wife is entitled to not more than 50 per cent. of the community estate which accrued after marriage."

Charlie's friends are worried about him. They say that he has a tendency to be moody by nature and that the present unsavoury publicity given his domestic affairs has thrown him into the deepest gloom. Events have transpired with such speed that he is bewildered and reports from all over the country indicate that there has been an immediate reaction against his own films.

Reform organisations from the Atlantic to the Pacific have bobbed up with demands for the withdrawal of Chaplin films. Newspapers are preparing for another Hollywood case along the line of the Arbuckle case and others are festuring the irregularities of the moving picture colony.

It is learned that many theatres have cancelled their orders for films pending outcome of the suit. Chaplin's attorneys are planning to file a formal reply as soon as possible.

Lock King (Y.M.C.A.) and Tsang Fuk Yui, E. G. Sewell, R. Murray, A. McArthur, Henderson and Querry, "Brans," "A friend," "Two sincere friends."

DRAMATIC ESCAPE.

CHINESE WHO ATTACKED EUROPEAN.

ECHO OF STABBING CASE.

Singapore, Feb. 5.
The Chinese who stabbed Mr. W. G. Stirling, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and a Chinese girl at the Protectorate some weeks ago, has eluded his police guard, and escaped from the General Hospital.

It will be recalled that this man went to the Protectorate with a Chinese girl to settle some domestic dispute. The matter came before Mr. Stirling, and during the discussion the Chinese, apparently angered at the attitude of the girl, suddenly drew a clasp-knife and stabbed her. Mr. Stirling intervened, and received a wound in the thigh. Clerks and attendants heard the disturbance and came to Mr. Stirling's assistance, whereupon the Chinese inflicted a serious wound upon himself with the knife.

In an Open Ward.
Mr. Stirling's injury was fortunately not serious, but both the man and woman were removed to the General Hospital. The man, who was, of course, under arrest, was placed in an open ward, the reason for not keeping him in the special lock-up at the hospital being apparently that he was too ill.

He was not, however, too ill to make his escape from the ward in the early hours of Thursday morning. It appears that he was watched by a guard of six constables, each of whom did four hours duty, and when the guard was changed at about 2 a.m. it was discovered that the man had got away. He must have walked through the building in his sleeping attire and got other clothes outside, but nothing further has been heard of him.

EUROPEAN MURDERED.

FATAL SEQUEL TO MALACCA SHOOTING.

MR. W. A. LAVENDER DIES.

Singapore, Feb. 8.
The "Straits Times" states that Mr. W. A. Lavender, an assistant P.W.D. engineer who was shot by some unknown assailant at Kesang, Malacca, on January 31, died in the General Hospital this morning of his injuries. The shooting occurred when Mr. Lavender was driving through the district on duty. He was alone in the car and nothing is known beyond the fact that he was picked up by some coolies with two bullet wounds in his head and taken to the hospital at Jasin.

Mr. K. Black, surgeon at the General Hospital, went up to examine him and he was subsequently removed under Mr. Black's care to the hospital at Singapore, where all efforts to save his life unfortunately proved of no avail.

Vigorous inquiries are being prosecuted by the Malacca police, and, while the affair remains a mystery, it was suggested at the time of the attack that the motive might be robbery, in view of the approach of Chinese New Year.

The deceased leaves a widow and child, with whom warm sympathy will be felt.

SINGAPORE'S LADY LAWYER.

Singapore, Feb. 8.
The first application by a woman lawyer for admission to the Singapore Bar has already been made, the Attorney-General told the members of the Legislative Council yesterday.

A Bill was introduced, which had as its object the removal of doubts as to whether a woman who was otherwise qualified to be admitted and enrolled as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Colony was disqualified by reason of her sex from such admission and enrolment.

The Hon. Mr. M. H. Whitley said that a petition by a lady who had been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple would come up for hearing in the Supreme Court at Singapore next June, and the object of the bill was to remove doubts by specifically enacting that sex should not disqualify a person from admission and enrolment.

The Bill was read a first time.

KING GEORGE'S GIFT.

New York, Feb. 14.
In the presence of a crowded congregation, the British Ambassador presented a silver alms dish, the gift of King George, to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which has been constructed with the help of subscriptions from all over the United States—Reuters' American Service.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

THE FOREIGN POPULATION EXPANDS.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheung Chau, Feb. 14.
We were glad to welcome back Mrs. Clift after her long stay in hospital but Dr. Clift expects to go back again on Wednesday to Lunghow to superintend the mission work there.

The Bible study classes will then be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Benson.

The service last Sunday was led by Rev. J. McKenzie who preached a timely and helpful sermon on Isaiah 40:31.

Dr. Clift was the preacher this week.
Holiday Visitors.
The Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Bray have left for England on furlough and will be missed from our circle.

Dr. and Mrs. Todd, and Dr. and Mrs. Hayes paid a brief visit during China New Year. The Hayes's house is practically finished and is greatly improved in appearance and comfort by the addition of a large verandah. It is now occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. Woodward of the Baptist Mission who have had to come down from Kweilin.

Rev. and Mrs. Lowe are also back again, from the same city.

Lady Missionaries.
House No. 19, is occupied by three ladies of the New Zealand Mission. Other members of this Mission occupy houses Nos. 4, 5, 9 and 10.

Miss R. Hitchcock is expected to arrive on the 20th.



Tijuana, Mexico.—The sign announcing that Mexican beer may be had for fifteen cents a glass, American money, proves an added incentive to those who yearn for the convivial liquid. Thousands of visitors and natives pass under this sign to the bars and gaming tables.

ANDROCLES & LION.

THRILLING INCIDENT AT LEICESTER.

London, January 21.—An up-to-date version of Androcles and the Lion occurred at Leicester when Captain Wombwell, the lion-tamer of a circus, entered the cage of a lioness in order to attend her sick cub.

An untamed African lion broke down a partition separating the two halves of the cage and pinned Captain Wombwell in a corner, severely mauling him.

Captain Wombwell struggled with the enraged beast and the lioness thereupon sprang on the lion's back biting his shoulders and tearing his flanks.

Battle Royal.
The lioness turned to defend herself.

Captain Wombwell had sufficient strength left to crawl out of the cage and close and fasten the door. He then collapsed.

A battle royal between the lion and the lioness followed, the lioness working the lion before the two were separated by circus hands who rushed to the spot.

Divorce and the Press.
London, Jan. 14.

Describing the procedure in the Divorce Courts since detailed newspaper reports have been forbidden by law, the "Daily Express" says that the parties to a suit now give evidence in rapid succession and suit follows suit with almost equal rapidity. Barristers have lost much of their former emotional appeal.

A dry recital of the circumstances is followed by the corroboration of a few witnesses, and then a formal appeal for a decree. The newspapers now rarely publish even such skeleton reports as the law permits. It is considered that this is likely in the course of time to encourage an increase in the number of suits.

INDIA'S VICEROY.

A CONTINUOUS POLICY OF CO-OPERATION.

LORD READING'S PRAISE.

London, Jan. 26.

The London "Chronicle" which is now under Lord Reading's active leadership, is backing up Lord Irwin's declaration to the Indian Assembly.

In an editorial, the "Chronicle" says: "Lord Irwin was expressing a continuous policy, independent of the personality of any particular Viceroy or Secretary of State, and implicit in the reforms themselves."

"He takes his stand loyally by the statesmanship of Lord Reading, just as Lord Reading did by Viscount Chelmsford. He indicated not merely the futility of non-co-operation, but the almost unlimited advances which Indians could evolve out of the existing reforms if they worked them for what they were worth."

"English observers cannot fail to see how much the existing reforms render possible, but if Indians prefer some other scheme of advance let them work out its practical details and publish them."

"Lord Birkenhead, as far back as July 7, 1925, publicly invited schemes and promised them the closest study. Eighteen months passed, but not one had been forthcoming."

"It seems reasonable to infer that those who criticise most have not toiled most to construct and that while hostile, from a variety of motives, to the British offer, they have, on the merits, no alternative to it."

Schools Closed.
London, Jan. 25.

The influenza epidemic continues to be widespread. Counsel at the London Sessions applied for the postponement of the trial of a woman on the ground that her three children were suffering from influenza and needed her attention. The application was granted.

A notice reading "All Down With Flu" was seen pinned to the closed shutters of a jeweller's shop at Peckham.

A Judge of the Westminster County Court refused to grant a money-lender's judgment summons against a Walthamstow butcher whose effects they had sold. They now wished him to be sent to prison.

The butcher said he was suffering from influenza and had got out of bed to appear at the Court. The Judge told him to go back to bed.

In Northamptonshire in some villages every household is affected. In thirty cases, the Northamptonshire Education Committee has closed the schools, as, owing to the ravages of the influenza, the attendance is below 50 per cent.

AVIATOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Washington, Jan. 26.
Lieutenant W. G. Tomlinson, a naval aviator, narrowly escaped death when his aeroplane plunged into the Potomac River. He was thrown clear of the machine and was rescued from the water by the captain of a tug anchored near-by. He suffered only minor injuries.

A FAVOURITE AMONG ATHLETES.

THE golfer, the football player and the all-round athlete know the value of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is just the thing for a rub down after a hard game. All soreness disappears like magic and sprains and swellings are cured in one-third less time than by any other treatment. For sale everywhere.

They were ordered to pay the whole of the costs.
The Federation of Music Hall Lessees is appealing to the Court of Cassation.

POLISH GANG'S RECORD.

Paris, Jan. 13.
Twenty months have been occupied in collating details relating to the arrest of a gang of Polish bandits who terrorised France and Belgium for two years. Their chief, Vladimir Zingulo, appointed gangsters, provided funds, and sold the products of thefts, and financed assistance for those arrested. He had four lieutenants. The arrests began in 1925, as a result of spies betraying Zingulo and one of his lieutenants, Bruza. The latter took refuge in Germany. The gang committed six murders and attempted five more, also perpetrated 50 armed burglaries. Twenty-two of the 64 bandits charged with offences will stand their trial in April.

WOMAN SUES SURGEON.

London, Jan. 27.
A Liverpool woman, Mrs. Rilda Maddocks, has sued Dr. John Wilson of the Samaritan Hospital for operating on her without her consent when she went for an examination. The doctor said the examination showed risks of death and he thought it better to perform an immediate operation. The judge told the jury that no surgeon had the right to operate without a patient's consent. The jury returned a verdict for the doctor, with the rider that no doctor ought to operate without consent if that is possible.

LATIN ALPHABET.

TURKISH MINISTER'S HARD TASK.

KEMAL PASHA'S REFORM.

London, Jan. 26.

Rome.—The Turkish Minister for Education, Mr. Nedati Bay, is visiting Rome in connection with the question of adopting the Latin alphabet for the Turkish language in Turkish schools.

Certain specialists in Oriental languages residing in Rome have been asked to collaborate in the rather difficult task of revolutionising the written characters of the Turkish language, and not only preparing text books, but transcribing the existing literature.

Kemal Pasha is anxious to see the revolution carried through as rapidly as possible.

FLU EPIDEMIC.

WELL-KNOWN MUSICAL ARTIST DEAD.

London, Jan. 27.

The death has occurred of Miss Victoria Monks, a well-known music hall artiste, who has fallen a victim to the influenza epidemic.

Deaths from influenza in the great towns of England and Wales last week totalled 470, which is considerably above the previous week's figures, but small when compared with the occasion when there were 1,300 deaths in one week.

Of last week's deaths, 331 occurred in and around London, indicating that the epidemic is principally affecting the capital.

Schools Closed.
London, Jan. 25.

The influenza epidemic continues to be widespread. Counsel at the London Sessions applied for the postponement of the trial of a woman on the ground that her three children were suffering from influenza and needed her attention. The application was granted.

A notice reading "All Down With Flu" was seen pinned to the closed shutters of a jeweller's shop at Peckham.

A Judge of the Westminster County Court refused to grant a money-lender's judgment summons against a Walthamstow butcher whose effects they had sold. They now wished him to be sent to prison.

The butcher said he was suffering from influenza and had got out of bed to appear at the Court. The Judge told him to go back to bed.

In Northamptonshire in some villages every household is affected. In thirty cases, the Northamptonshire Education Committee has closed the schools, as, owing to the ravages of the influenza, the attendance is below 50 per cent.

AVIATOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Washington, Jan. 26.
Lieutenant W. G. Tomlinson, a naval aviator, narrowly escaped death when his aeroplane plunged into the Potomac River. He was thrown clear of the machine and was rescued from the water by the captain of a tug anchored near-by. He suffered only minor injuries.

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They were ordered to pay the whole of the costs.
The Federation of Music Hall Lessees is appealing to the Court of Cassation.

POLISH GANG'S RECORD.

Paris, Jan. 13.
Twenty months have been occupied in collating details relating to the arrest of a gang of Polish bandits who terrorised France and Belgium for two years. Their chief, Vladimir Zingulo, appointed gangsters, provided funds, and sold the products of thefts, and financed assistance for those arrested. He had four lieutenants. The arrests began in 1925, as a result of spies betraying Zingulo and one of his lieutenants, Bruza. The latter took refuge in Germany. The gang committed six murders and attempted five more, also perpetrated 50 armed burglaries. Twenty-two of the 64 bandits charged with offences will stand their trial in April.

WOMAN SUES SURGEON.

London, Jan. 27.
A Liverpool woman, Mrs. Rilda Maddocks, has sued Dr. John Wilson of the Samaritan Hospital for operating on her without her consent when she went for an examination. The doctor said the examination showed risks of death and he thought it better to perform an immediate operation. The judge told the jury that no surgeon had the right to operate without a patient's consent. The jury returned a verdict for the doctor, with the rider that no doctor ought to operate without consent if that is possible.

EVE'S BITE.

PUNISHMENT INSTEAD OF REWARD.

Suzanne Schultz, the golden-haired chambermaid, aged 19, who bit an apple in a boarder's room and found the Conde diamond, which had been stolen from the Chateau de Chantilly, at Versailles, expected a big reward, but she lost her situation.

She says she was dismissed because it had not been right for her to eat the apple, but she explains that she only took a bite because she was hungry.

Now she is washing dishes elsewhere.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 15.—Queen's Theatre; "Dance Madness."

February 14.—World Theatre; "Siegfried."

February 14.—Star Theatre; "The Social Code."

February 18.—Concert at the Cannonian Institute, Cairn Rd., 5.30 p.m.

February 18.—K.C.C. Dance at Savoy Hotel.

February 19.—H.M.S. "Hermes" dance at Hotel Savoy.

February 23 & 28.—Theatre Royal, Dance display by Miss Violet Capell's pupils, 5.15 p.m.

February 28.—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capell's pupils, 9.15 p.m.

February 26.—Smoking concert for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

Sports.

February 28.—Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

March 5.—Next Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

Meetings.

February 18.—Annual meeting of Members the Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m. at the Club.

February 23.—Benevolent Society Meeting, City Hall, noon.

February 24.—Fortieth meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

February 26.—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 26.—Eighth meeting of The Bank of East Asia Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 3.30 p.m.

March 4.—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

March 6.—Thirty-eighth meeting of Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 7.—Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Tramways Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

Auctions.

February 17.—At 86, Nathan Rd., (Ground floor) Kowloon, auction of household furniture by Messrs. Lammert Bros., 2.45 p.m.

February 18.—At Sales Room, Duddell St., Chinese Curios, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 15.—Local Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation dinner to Eastern Chinese team from Shanghai, S. China Restaurant, (China Bldg.), 3 p.m.

February 16.—Dedication of reconstructed organ, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

February 18 & 25.—Organ Recitals, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

February 21.—Public lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 1.—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Hotel Savoy, 7.45 p.m.

March 4.—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

March 10.—Annual show of flowers and vegetables, Volunteer Headquarters.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

For snatching a cap from a baby, a couple was sent to jail for one month with hard labour by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The "Family Party" gambling case was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. His Worship, finding that a technical offence had been committed, discharged the defendants with a caution.

For the theft of a hat from a matelard at Cheung Sha Wan, a 18 year old Chinese was sent to jail for two months, by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Police officers informed his Worship that the accused had previously been charged for a similar offence.

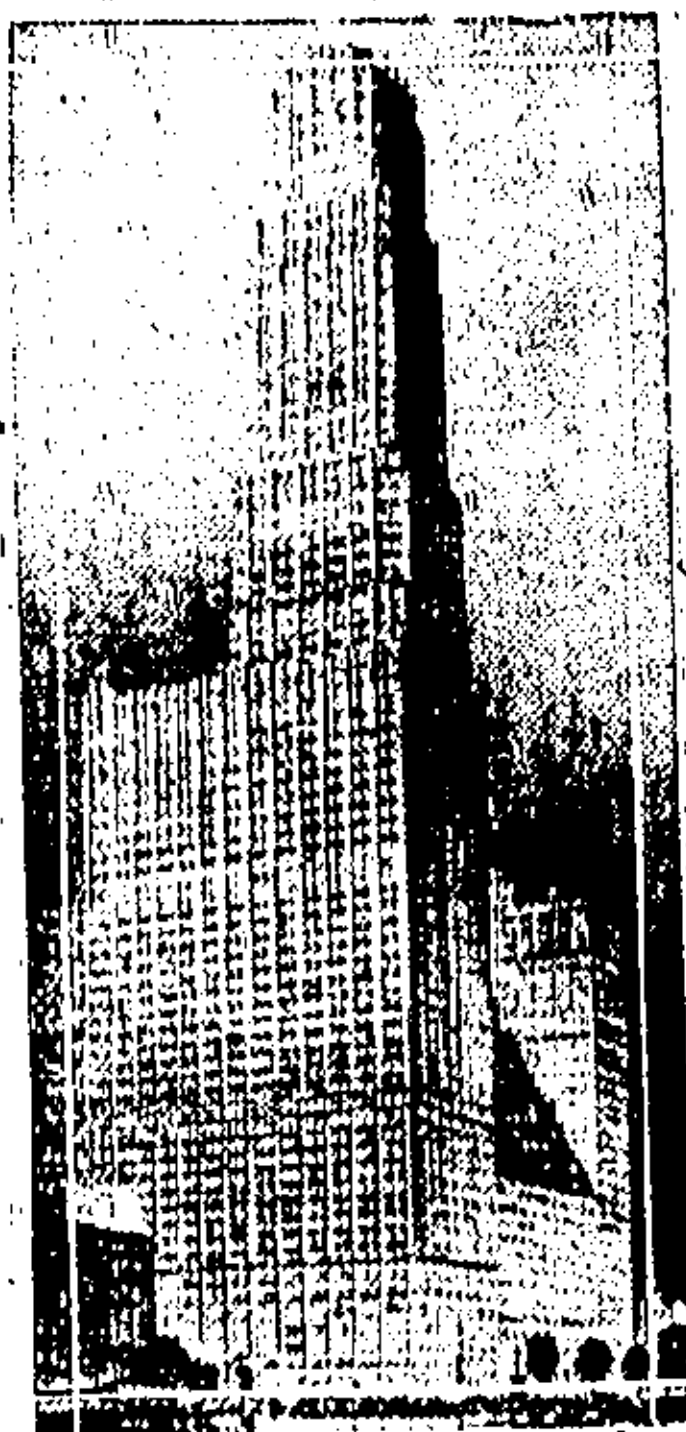
A smoking concert for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club (under the auspices of the lawn bowls section) will be held at the Club House on Saturday night (February 26) at 9 p.m. when the lawn bowls, bridge and tennis prizes will be distributed by the President (Mr. R. E. Lindsell).

Mr. Eu Tong-sen, the well-known Chinese millionaire who recently paid a visit to Hong Kong, has built the Southern Hotel in Singapore at a cost of about \$600,000. This hotel is six storeys high, and it can best be described as a westernised and modernised version of the lodging house and restaurant which play so large a part in the life of the Chinese districts in Singapore. The formal opening was made last week by Mr. K. S. Lau, the acting Consul-General for China. The Southern Hotel adjoins a grand new theatre which Mr. Eu Tong-sen is building.

Three of the six Chinese Catholic Bishops who went to Rome for their consecration are due to arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday on the French mail "Porthos," on their way to China. Of the other three one is returning via America and two are coming shortly. The party spent a busy day in Singapore, visiting various Catholic institutions and the members of the French and Portuguese Catholic Missions. There was a special benediction in the Chinese Church, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. The Bishops were entertained to dinner by the Bishop of Malacca and then continued their voyage to Hong Kong via Saigon, says the "Straits Times."

The Belgian Consulate General, No. 5 MacDonnell Road, is interested in ascertaining the present whereabouts of Mrs. Tan Yamine, born Marthe Nuelens.

The Kit Cat Club, one of London's most fashionable night clubs, has been ordered to be struck off the Register for three months. This is the sequel to the recent police raid and the subsequent court proceedings.



Architect's drawing of the Book Tower, now under construction in Detroit, which will be one of the world's largest buildings. It is being erected on Washington Boulevard, by the Book estate, and will be 873 feet high, containing eighty-five stories, four of which will be underground.

THE CHEQUE CASE.

Further evidence in the case in which a Chinese, the manager of a firm in Wing Lok Street, is charged with having received \$10,000 from the Bank of Canton in exchange for a cheque for \$1,000 was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. M. M. Watson appeared for the prosecution and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo) defended the accused.

A Joki-formerly employed by the defendant gave evidence as to the latter's actions on the day of the incident. After considerable cross-examination by Mr. Alabaster, the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

For wearing his hat in the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, a Chinese was fined \$1 by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth for contempt of Court.

In the annual report of the English Association (Ceylon Branch) for 1926 it is stated that "it is proposed to form a branch in Singapore, and we in Colombo have been able, to some extent, to help those in Singapore who are interesting themselves in the idea. Possibly the infection will spread to Hong Kong."

Among a number of appointments of Divisional Commanders, Territorial Army, announced by the War Office on Jan. 10 was that of Major-General C. D. H. Moore, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (42nd East Lancashire) who has seen service in China. Major-General Moore, who is 62 years of age, served in the North China and the South African wars. In the late war he secured mention in despatches eight times, and was awarded the D.S.O. and the C.M.G. He also wears the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun (first class) and other foreign orders.

When the complete returns of Parliamentary voters are published in the near future, it will be found that the number of women electors has increased to approximately 10,000,000. The growing participation of women in Parliamentary and municipal politics has led to a demand on the part of political organisers for women speakers and workers. Appreciating this fact, the educational department of the Unionist party has inaugurated a series of correspondence courses to enable students to obtain instruction at home in the principal, social, economic, and political problems of the day.

Statistics recently issued show the serious growth in the number of motor accidents in Britain. Two Englishmen, are now responsible for a device which provides protection from the front wheels of motor vehicles. This, the Ratcliff safety guard, consists of a metal shield so fixed as to be always in axial alignment with the wheel. The lower portion of this shield consists of a heavy rubber flap, which while "out of action" is held back to allow normal road clearance. The effect, however, of sudden pressure on any part of the metal shield is to cause the rubber flap to shoot down with lightning rapidity, remaining fixed and rigid, and preventing even an arm or wrist from being passed over by the wheel.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Lord and Lady Selborne arrived in Penang a fortnight ago, crossing over from the mainland. They were met at Penang by Lieut. Baker, A.D.C., to His Excellency the Governor, Commander Oldershaw and Mr. A. W.



President Diaz's election to the presidency of Nicaragua recently brought about a change of attitude by the United States toward that country. President Diaz headed the conservative party. Now Secana, an insurgent, seeks to set up a liberal government himself as head. His tactics brought about United States intervention to protect citizens and property.

Blackstone, Lord Selborne is a Director of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company and has been visiting the Company's Gutta Percha Estate at Kuala Lipis. Considerable damage was done to the estate by the disastrous floods. Owing to the floods His Lordship was delayed at Kuala Lumpur for a fortnight when he was the guest of the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Peel.

Mr. J. W. Campbell is to be a Municipal Commissioner for the Town and Port of Malacca, vice Mr. T. F. Anderson Pola resigned.

News has been received by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of the death of Mr. R. C. Edwards, agent of the Bank in Bangkok, who passed away subsequent to an operation. He had seen over 30 years of service with the Bank in the Orient and was Chief Accountant at the Hong Kong branch in 1911. He was in the 1923 earthquake in Japan and suffered the loss of a hand. After a period of home leave he was appointed to the agency of the Bank at Bangkok.

The death is reported of Mr. E. Ohlman, retired Commissioner of Customs, who spent the last years of his life in Tilvesheim, Hanover. Mr. Ohlman was one of Peking's "old timers" and will be recalled by most of the old hands of the capital. He is supposed to have originated the International Race Club at Nanyuan and to have been responsible for the construction of the German Legation in Peking. He was a great friend of Sir Robert Hart and was generally admired for his good qualities.

All the eight children of the late ex-Emperor Charles of Austria spent Christmas with their mother, the ex-Empress Zita, at the villa provided for her at Lequettio, a fishing village on the north coast of Spain, by Spanish noblemen. Otto, the eldest, who expects one day to be crowned King of Hungary, received a motor-car as a gift from Hungarian Legationists on his 14th birthday. They have now sent him accessories. King Alfonso gave the family a motor-omnibus in which they can make excursions together, but the shore of the little bay is their chief playground. They have a rowing boat and bicycles, and a disused building makes an excellent riding school for Otto, Robert, and Felix, the three elder boys, who have ponies. The ex-Empress's great financial distress has recently been relieved by the surrender to her of the income from her late husband's private estates in Hungary. The family still live very simply.

The Hon. Mount Stuart Elphinstone, managing director of the British North Borneo (Chartered) Co., was to sail on January 14 by the P. and O. steamer "Mongolia" on a visit to British North Borneo.



Mr. Alanson B. Houghton, American Ambassador to the court of St. James, who has been made defendant in a "mystery" suit for \$50,000 for alleged false arrest being brought in New York by Miss Dorothy Mason, a woman whom the diplomat claims never to have heard of before. She alleged that Mr. Houghton, had her arrested and charged with stealing a pin valued at \$1,500.

Lord Ashley married Sylvia Hawkes, actress, in London, on Feb. 4. No close relative of the bridegroom attended although his parents, the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury, were in London, having made an early morning dash by motor-car from their country residence near Salisbury. The Earl only became convinced that the marriage would take place on receiving a telegram late on Feb. 2.

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SPORTS SECTION

"FIRE-EATER."

HOW LA BARBA BEAT CLARK.
DOWN IN FIRST ROUND.

Here is another report of how Elky Clark (Scotland) was beaten by Fidel La Barba (American fly-weight boxing champion of the world) at New York.

La Barba was a regular fire-eater throughout and had Clark down for a count of seven in the first round with a left hook. Clark was wobbling when the gong sounded.

Clark came up for the second round blinking and shaky.

Carried to Corner.

He warmed up, but was baffled by the lightning speed of La Barba, who with a hard left sent down the Scot for a count of three. He then followed up with two stiff lefts to the head, sending Clark down for a count of six when the gong sounded.

The referee picked Clark up and carried him to his corner.

Clark was outboxed, although he blocked many punches. His blows lacked force and did not disturb his opponent, while he frequently swung wildly.

Two lefts and a right to the cheek made his knees sag in the seventh round, at the end of which he was hanging on in a clinch.

He began the eighth dizzy. La Barba sent a hard right to the head, followed up by a left, and floored Clark for a count of eight.

Persistent Jabs.

In the tenth a straight left to the jaw caused Clark's knees to sag, and La Barba, tried his utmost to finish off the Scot. He shook him with a smashing left to the jaw in the eleventh and hammered him on to the ropes in the twelfth, but Clark jumped back from the attack only to meet a two-handed onslaught.

The men were sparring when the final gong sounded.

Clark's left eye was half-closed by persistent jabs.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST NOTES AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, Feb. 5.

In the rugby county championship Leicestershire defeated Cheshire by five points to nil, and Kent playing away, beat Devonshire by 26 points to 11.

Club Matches.

London, Feb. 5.

Oxford visited Richmond and were heavily defeated, the home club winning by 26 points to 5.

Playing at home, Coventry overcame the Old Merchant Taylors by 20 points to 3.

The London Scottish, on their own ground, beat Leicester by 16 points to 5.

A fine game between the Army and Blackheath ended in a draw of 3 points each.

Rosslyn and Portsmouth Services were very evenly matched, Rosslyn just winning by 16 points to 12.

Bristol entertained Cambridge and were successful by 11 points to 3.

Guy's were at home to Bedford, who were beaten by 17 points to 3.

A great struggle between Bath and the Royal Air Force saw the civilian side win by 11 points to 10.

At Cambridge on Jan. 31 the University defeated Lyonnais by 11 points to 5.

London, Jan. 26.—In a rugby match, Leicester beat the Royal Air Force by 11 points to 3 points.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

London, Jan. 25.

The Welsh Rugby team to play against Scotland on February 5 (when Scotland won) has been chosen as follows:

Male (Cardiff), J. Roberts (Cardiff), B. R. Turnbull (Cardiff), G. E. Andrews (Newport), Rowe Harding (Swansea), W. C. Powell (London), Welsh, Windsor Lewis (London), Welsh, E. Jenkins (Aberavon), Ivor Jones (Llanelli), H. Phillips (Newport), T. Lewis (Cardiff), Watkins Thomas (Llanelli), W. Williams (Crumlin), J. H. John (Swansea) and T. Arthur (Neath).

Players Wear Gloves.

London, Feb. 5.

The incessant rain at Cardiff did not damp the ardour of 50,000 spectators who attended the rugby international match between Scotland and Wales, and there were scenes of great enthusiasm.

Neither side was at full strength and most of the players wore gloves. The ground was in a heavy condition.

The Prince of Wales watched a hard and equally-contested match, which Scotland won by five points to nil.

"TIE" DECIDED.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP YACHTING.

2 RACES YESTERDAY.

As they previously tied with 42 points each at the top of the Handicap class in the ladies' championship of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, "La Linda" and "Colleen" had a race yesterday between themselves to decide the tie.

"La Linda" was first over the finishing line and saved her time to win by 3 minutes. "Colleen" accordingly takes second place.

The final positions and points in this season's ladies' championships are:

Handicap Class: Points.

La Linda (Mrs. Ratsey) 43 1

Colleen (Miss Hazeland) 43 2

Diana (Miss Miles) 36 3

(Tie, final positions decided by yesterday's re-race.)

"Smaller" Class (i.e., One Designs, Gulls and Heyward Hays): Points.

Boojum (Miss B. F. N. Lewis) 131 1

Bluebonnet (Mrs. E. J. R.) 128 2

Thecla (Miss Butcher) 105 3

Next best were: Alba (Miss Chapple) 94 points 4th, Why Wonder? (Mrs. Faussett) 89 points 5th, Zephyr (Lady Clement) 86 points and Gail (Miss Robinson) 80 points tie for 6th place.

A "menagerie" race (five boats competing) for ladies was sailed on the same course yesterday, this being to Channel Rocks (port), Kowloon Rocks (p), mark on Club line (p), Channel Rocks (starboard), finish at the Club (7.4 miles). Times for yesterday's races follow:

Handicap Class, re-race. [Start at 3 p.m.]

Finishing Corrected

La Linda (1) 4:24.25 4:24.25

Colleen (2) 4:28.05 4:27.28

Menagerie Race. [Start at 3.15 p.m.]

Diana (3) 4:39.55 4:39.55

Bluebonnet (5) 4:51.19 4:46.09

Bluebonnet (1) 4:53.14 4:39.39

Bluebonnet (4) 4:57.21 4:41.19

Thecla (2) 5:02.36 4:38.47

M.C.C. IN CEYLON.

SANDHAM OBTAINS HIS 8th CENTURY.

TOURISTS PLAY A DRAW.

Calcutta, Feb. 5.

Dikoya: Sandham obtained his eighth century of the tour here against Ceylon up-country eleven. The tourists first innings yielded 23 runs of which Sandham contributed 108, and R. E. S. Wyatt 41. Ceylon totalled 195 of which Blair made 51. Tate took six wickets for 34 and Gentry three for 31.

In their second innings the M.C.C. made 74 runs for one wicket, and the match had to be left drawn.

HOME CRICKET.

LORD HAWKE FAVOURS INNOVATIONS.

London, Jan. 19.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire County Club at Leeds, Lord Hawke said he thought that the extension of time in Test matches appeared to be inevitable.

He urged the encouragement of the younger players in the forthcoming trials and said he thought the general desire for a smaller ball was sound in every respect and he would go even a little further by allowing a new ball to be used, if required, after each hundred runs.

Monetary Considerations.

Referring to undue preparation of the wickets he favoured natural grass provide the pitches were made fairly safe.

Lord Hawke criticised the reported engagement of Ponsford by Blackpool Club and said that he thought it was a pity that monetary considerations should be put forward to take away from a country an ex-international cricket player who had toured England.

£3,500 For Mr. F. C. Toone.

The secretary of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, Mr. F. C. Toone will be presented with £3,500, as the result of the testimonial fund opened for him.

A feature of the recognition of his enthusiastic services has been that subscriptions have been received from cricket lovers all over England, as well as from Ceylon and Australia, demonstrating how widespread is the personal and deserved popularity of Mr. Toone.

HOME BOXING.

HOW MILLIGAN WON HIS LAST FIGHT.

LATEST NOTES BY MAIL.

Further details have been received by the "China Mail" about the two 20-round boxing contests which took place on Jan. 27 at the Albert Hall, London.

For the middleweight championship of Europe, Tommy Milligan of Scotland (the holder) beat Ted Moore of Plymouth, who retired in the 14th round. Milligan scaled 159½ lbs. and Moore 158 lbs.

Fights Like a Tiger.

At the outset the bout was fast and furious. Moore had rather the better of the opening round, but in the second Milligan fought like a tiger, punching Moore all round the ring.

In the third session, Moore was groggy, but he fought on courageously and landed several body blows in the fifth round, but his guard was useless against the lightning lefts of Milligan.

The Scot continued to force the fighting and was far ahead on points at the halfway stage.

Severe Punishment.

Moore's mouth was bleeding for some time, and his left ear was badly cut in the thirteenth round, in which Milligan severely punished him. Moore was tottering while the crowd roared "stop the fight."

In the fourteenth Milligan continued to administer punishment and Moore staggered to his corner. The referee followed him and after a brief consultation, Moore's advisers decided that Moore should retire.

Said "Fini".

Heavyweights: Phil Scott (the British champion) beat Riccardo Bartazzolo (the champion of Italy) who was disqualified in the 7th round.

Scott had the advantage of height and reach and soon established a lead on points.

He was repeatedly getting home left jabs and right and left hooks. The Italian was slow and poor in defence, but Scott failed to make use of his opportunities.

Down For Three.

In the fifth round, Bartazzolo sent a right to the stomach. Scott went down on his knee, but was up again after a count of three. Scott finished the round with good lefts and rights to the head.

In the sixth session Scott continued to pile up the points and in the seventh got the Italian on the ropes, landing left and rights to the head.

Bartazzolo looked over the ropes and said "fini" to Scott, who stood back. Then the Italian rushed across and landed a low blow, the referee promptly disqualifying him.

HOME SOCCER.

BLACKBURN'S VICTORY IN LEAGUE I.

London, Feb. 14.

In division I of the English Football League to-day, Blackburn Rovers defeated West Ham United by 4 goals to 1 at Blackburn.

"VARSITY" CRICKET.

The following will be the two teams for the inter-faculty cricket match (Engineering v. Arts) to be played to-morrow at 2 p.m. on the University ground:

Engineering.—W. M. Gittins (captain), Prof. M. H. Roffey, H. Hunt, Cheong Tuck-wing, I. Tajima, A. Hazeland, A. B. Sulteman, S. Kermani, A. B. Schroter, H. T. M. Earma, A. N. Other.

Arts.—B. P. Ng (captain), Dr. R. A. Ponsonby, Fane, T. E. Yeoh, S. Hachiuma, E. Zimmerman, J. E. Noronha, W. Hong Sling, S. V. Gittins, F. H. Traves, A. Baker, F. Zimmerman.

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This is "Jana," the baby elephant, who is now adding to the problems of London's traffic policemen by riding his specially constructed tri-cycle about the streets of the Empire's capital.

HERE AND THERE.

LATEST HOME NOTES BY MAIL.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

London, Feb. 5.

In a cross-country race between the Army and Oxford University four of the military team were first home.

Hockey.

London, Feb. 5.

In the international hockey match between Scotland and South Africa the Scots were the superior side and were successful by five goals to one.

The meeting of the South and the Midlands was productive of an even and interesting game, the South, playing at home, winning by the odd goal in five.

"Steve" As Trainer.

London, Feb. 5.

The well-known jockey, Steve Donoghue, has launched out in a new line in connection with racing, having just commenced as a trainer.

Boat Race Prospects.

London, Feb. 5.

The "Varsity" crews are now practising for the Boat Race, but up to the present neither crew has impressed and there is a constant shuffling.

Fencing.

London, Feb. 5.

The Navy and Marines defeated Oxford at fencing by ten defeats to seventeen.

Lady Golfer's Marriage.

London, Feb. 5.

Miss Edith Leitch, sister of Miss Cecil Leitch, the well-known lady golfer, has married Mr. Herbert Guedalla.

Although not quite in the same class as her more famous sister, Miss Edith Leitch is one of England's most prominent lady golfers and she has represented England in international matches on five occasions, and thrice won the championship of Middlesex, in which County she has three been captain of the Ladies. She reached the semi-final of the Canadian Ladies' Championship in 1921, and in the same year was among the last eight in the American Ladies' Championship, as well as in 1923.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, as reported to the Medical Officer of Health, comprised:

Small-pox: 4 cases from the city (3 Chinese, 1 Indian, imported)—3 deaths.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 5 cases from city (all Chinese, 1 imported)—3 deaths.

Puerperal fever: 1 Chinese case from city.

Monday's return comprised 3 cases of small-pox from the city and one of diphtheria from Kowloon, all Chinese.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 70 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which, 32 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 12 arrivals and 10 departures, British ships numbering 4 in each case.

PASSENGERS' DEATHS.

The death at sea of one Chinese deck passenger from natural causes is reported by two incoming ships, viz., the "Kingsyuan" from Bangkok and Swatow and the "Lalsang" from Calcutta and Singapore.

STEAMBOAT CO.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1926.

LOSS CARRIED FORWARD.

The report for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926, to be presented at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., on Feb. 22 reads:

The nett loss for the year, including credit balance of \$18,459.57 from last Profit and Loss Account and \$40,000 transferred from Depreciation Fund, amounts to \$246,985.33 which your directors recommend to be carried forward to a new account.

This sum includes:—

Depreciation of book value of steamers, \$105,796.95.

Depreciation of book value of wharves, \$14,175.

Total \$119,971.95.

No appropriations have been made to Floating Staff Pension Fund and Shore Staff Provident Fund.

In accordance with the articles of association Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. H. Staples Smith retired from the board by rotation but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linde & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews who offer themselves for election as auditors for 1927.

CHINA COAST.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain J. B. Bruce, of the "Luchow," is on reserve.

Captain W. Noon, of the "Chinkiang," has gone master, "Luchow."

Mr. R. H. W. Graybrook, chief officer, "Fengtien," has gone chief officer, "Chunking."

Mr. J. Hodgkiss, chief officer, "Chunking," is on Home leave.

Mr. W. E. Awoock, chief officer, "Wenchow," is on reserve.

Mr. F. N. Booth, chief officer, "Poyang," is on reserve.

Mr. G. A. Elias, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Poyang."

Mr. L. G. Potter, second officer, "Kiangsu," has gone second officer, "King Yuan."

Mr. J. S. Kirkpatrick, second officer, "Ninghoi," has gone second officer, "Kiangsu."

Mr. J. A. MacKinnay, chief officer, "King Yuan," is on reserve.

Mr. S. M. Aherne, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, "King Yuan."

Mr. E. Griffith, second officer, C. N. Co., has resigned.

Mr. J. McAulay, supply third engineer, "Kiangsu," has gone third engineer, "Kwangchow."

Mr. J. Will, third engineer, "Kwangchow," has gone supply third engineer, "Kiangsu."

Mr. H. L. Mather, supply second engineer, "Fatsan," has gone second engineer, "Shantung."

Mr. R. E. Peck, second engineer, "Shantung," has gone supply second engineer, "Kiangsu."

Mr. H. George, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Kanting."

Mr. G. Cornack, supply chief engineer, "Sunning," is on reserve.

Mr. R. J. McNeill, from reserve, has gone supply second engineer, "Kiangsu."

Mr. J. Sanderson, third engineer, "Chinkiang," has gone third engineer, "Kanchow."

Captain A. S. Woodget, of the "Luenho," is on Home leave.

Captain J. H. Smith, from reserve, has gone master, "Luenho."

Captain C. Alexandre, from Home leave, has gone master, "Waishing."

Mr. J. A. Gow, second officer, "Kumang," is on reserve.

Mr. M. Barff, third officer, "Namsang," has gone second officer, "Kumang."

Mr. H. O. Lewis, second officer, "Suifu," has gone second officer, "Pooshing."

Mr. J. Rees, second officer, "Pooshing," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Pirie, second officer, "Loongwo," has gone second officer, "Luenho."

Mr. C. A. G. Roberts, second officer, "Luenho," has gone second officer, "Loongwo."

Mr. J. Lindsay, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Fatsan."

Mr. C. M. Piveteau, chief engineer, "Loosang," has gone chief engineer, "Hopsang."

Mr. G. G. Paterson, chief engineer, "Hopsang," has gone chief engineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. M. McWilliams, chief engineer, "Kutwo," has gone chief engineer, "Loosang."

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG FEBRUARY 15, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2/0	2/0	2/0
T.T. on Shanghai	78-7 1/2	78 1/2	nom
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1100 b & sa	1090 n	1095 b
do. London	1122 n	—	1122 n
Chartered Bank	421 n	421 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	431 n. 413 1/2 n.	432 n. 413 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	49 1/2 b	410 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	70 n.	76 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	655 b	650 b 660 s	650 b
China Underwriters	90 cts b	90 cts b	80 cts. b
North China Insurance	1145 n	1140 n.	—
Union Insurance	285 b	285 b	285 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. n	40 n.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 1/2 b	30 b	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats	23 1/2 b	23 s	22 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2 1/2 n.	1 1/2 s
Indo-China (Pref.)	30 s	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	39 n	40 n.	40 n.
Shell Transports	98 1/2 b	101 1/3 b.	96 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	55 b	56 b	56 b
Water-boats	14 1/2 b	14 b	14 1/2 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	21 b	21 b
Malabon Sugars	34 n	35 s	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1.30 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	35 n	—	—
Langkats (Combined)	\$24 1/2 x d n	42/6 n.	40 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	25 n.	25 n
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n	12 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	17 1/2 x d n.	5 n.	—
Raubes	4 s	8 n.	—
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 b	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 n.
Ural Caspian	8 n	21 1/2 b	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	112 1/2 b & sa	112 1/2 b & sa	112 1/2 b
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	37 n.	40 s
Hongkows	1165 n	—	165 n.
New Engineering	15 1/2 n	4 1/2 b 5 s	5 n.
Shanghai Docks	1102 1/2 b	100 b 112 s	101 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 1/2 b 7 1/2 sa	7 1/2 b	7 1/2 b
Hongkong Lands	57 1/2 sa	56 1/2 b	57 b
Hongkong Realty	1 1/2 b	6 s	6 n
H.K. Territorial	24 s	3 s	2 1/2 n
Humphreys Estates	12 60 x d b	13 x d b	12 1/2 x d b
Prince's Building	89 n	87 n.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	18.35 b	7 80 b 8 s	8 s
Oriental	T2 1/2 b	2 1/2 b & sa	2 1/2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old) do. (new)	T53 1/2 n T77 n	52 b 54 s 26 b 28 s	54 n. 28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n.	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	8 s	7.90 n	7 1/2 n
do. (old)	6 1/2 s	7 1/2 n	6 n
do. (new)	134 n	1 n	1 1/2 n
China Buses	9 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 n	14 1/2 b	14 1/2 b
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 b
do. (new)	7 1/2 b	8 b	8 b
China Prov.	5 10 sa	5 b 5 10 sa	5 sa
Dairy Farms	17 1/2 b 18 sa	17.85 b 18 sa	17 1/2 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	18 b & sa	17 1/2 b	17 1/2 b
H.K. Constructions	2.20 b	2.20 b	2.20 n
Hongkong Electrics	58 b 59 s 58 1/2	58 b	58 1/2 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	10 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	5 s	5 s	5 s
Hongkong Tramways	22 1/2 b	22 1/2 b	22 1/2 b
Lane, Crawfords	8 n	7 s	7 s
Mackintosh	35 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	19 1/2 n.	—	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b.	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8 1/2 b	8 n	8 b
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	9 10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 s	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 n
Taxis	1 s	79 c	70 Cts n
United Asbestos (Founders) do. (Ordinary)	— 30 n	600 n 18 n.	— 12 1/2 b
Watsons	12 1/2 n	12 1/2 b	12 1/2 b
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3 60 b	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 n

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"Cigarettes are the most wholesome form of smoking," especially without a holder," says Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones, a distinguished chemist, and lecturer on mental diseases at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, writing in the "Medical Journal," contesting the prevalent opinion that a pipe is the best.

He adds that a cigar also is preferable to a pipe, and that short cigars are best. Pipes should be shallow in order to allow more air to enter, and to permit of more frequent refilling.

All forms of smoking, he says, injure growing people, but moderate smoking does not injure grown-ups. Most of the harm from pipes is due to their foulness.

Sir Robert says he finds women more intemperate cigarette-smokers than men.

With other eminent medical men he agrees as to the evils of excess.

PRINCE IN SEUMS.

INTERESTED IN SALVATION WORK.

WATCHES GREEK DANCING.

London, Jan. 25.

London's slumland settlements are beginning to treat the visits of the Prince of Wales as a matter of course.

People playing cards or ping-pong and dancers are by no means put off their stroke to see a small distinguished party enter their club-rooms.

But to-night the Prince made his longest excursion to the mean streets of East London, visiting Toynbee Hall, the Peoples' Palace, Ratcliffe Highway and the scenes of "Jack the Ripper's" crimes.

He kept up a running fire of questions and cheery remarks, visited the Girls' Club, where Greek dancing was in progress,

PUZZLING.

TO LIVE ON WHICH FLOOR.

80,000 DEATHS A YEAR.

"Is it healthier to live on the middle floor of a house than on the other floors?" asks the "Daily Mail."

It is pointed out that the British Medical Association's specialist committee, investigating rheumatic heart diseases in children, suggests that the middle floor is the healthiest.

The committee, of which Sir Humphrey Rolleston, the eminent physician, is the chairman, has come to the conclusion that the cause of the disease was the outstanding problem awaiting solution. While children living on ground and top floors were affected, those occupying middle floors were almost immune. This peculiarity was noted even in new houses.

The committee estimates that 80,000 English and Welsh children die annually from rheumatic heart disease, which is due to the attack of a neuro-organism the future of which is still a mystery.

The infection enters through the throat, and causes St. Vitus' dance, rheumatic arthritis and similar complaints.

Although the dampness of the climate may be a contributory cause, the disease is less prevalent in damp country cottages than it is in similar places in the big towns.

RELEASE OF SLAVES.

Burmese Reforms.

Calcutta, Jan. 12.

Following the release of numerous slaves in the Hukong Valley, in the South Shan States of Northern Burma, last year, the Burmese Government has informed the Kachin Hills chiefs that slavery in their territory must cease. Compensation will be paid. It is estimated that 5,000 slaves will receive freedom.

As a result of the efforts of the British administration in Baluchistan, the ruler of Kalat, a powerful chief, announces the total abolition of slavery in his dominion.



Mary Cross has been elected queen of the Banff (Canada) Winter Carnival.

live smoking in its effect on the heart, digestion and sight, but he says that it is good for the teeth, and that tobacco soothes the nerves of highly-strung persons.
Professor E. Dixon says that Sir Robert forgets that cigarette-smokers inhale poisonous gases from which pipe-smokers are free.

and then proceeded to various Boys' Hostels.
The Prince finished his programme by calling at the Salvation Army Shelter to inquire about the work of helping down-and-outs.

HIT ITSELF.

HOME TRAIN IN A UNIQUE COLLISION.

A train collided with itself at Woodbridge (Suffolk) scattering fish ankle-deep among the fish-plates from a truck loaded with sprats.

A coupling broke three miles from the station, and the driver, unaware of the mishap, pulled up the first half of the train, when the latter portion, running downhill, crashed into the stationary half, derailing 17 trucks.

A signal official noticed the divided train, but the latter half arrived at Woodbridge before his message.

HUSAR CASE ARREST.

Honolulu, Feb. 7.
District Attorney Wood, to-day filed a complaint in United States District court against Neal McKay Heath charging him with inducing A. M. Tracey Woodward to pay L. G. Husar, former United States district attorney in Shanghai, a bribe of \$25,000. Heath is a subordinate officer of a passenger liner and was taken from the ship here last Friday under arrest. He is charged with having induced Woodward to pay the bribe in connection with Husar's investigation of Woodward's alleged operations in the opium traffic.

Husar was arrested in Shanghai on January 21, last as he was coming from a court in which he had been sued for \$806 (Mex.) by his divorced wife's dressmaker.



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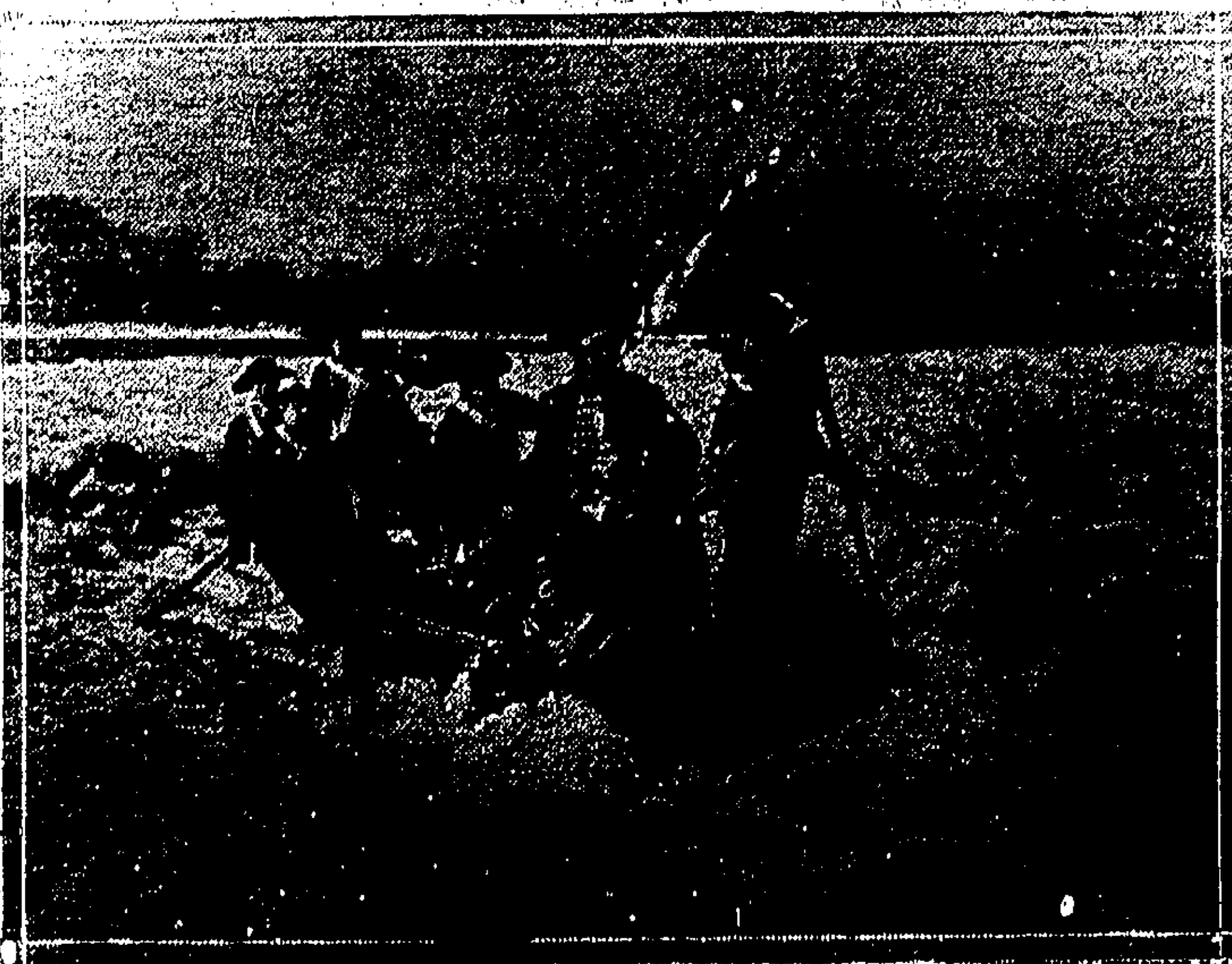
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RADIO TELEGRAMS may now be accepted for Hongkong under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15	Per
Shanghai	15	Ichang.
	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
Shanghai	16	Nanning.
Saigon	17	Porthos.
Europe via Suez, (letters & papers, London 20th Jan. & parcels 13th Jan.)	18	Mongolia.
	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19	
Straits	19	Hosang.
Australia & Manila	19	Tanco Maru.
	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20	
Straits	20	Nyanza.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	20	Pres. Jefferson.
	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	21	Shinyo Maru.
	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22	
Straits	22	Kamo Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15	Per
Samsui and Wuchow	4 p.m.	Kochow.
Swtow, Amoy & Formosa	5 p.m.	Halkwa Maru.
Wei Hai Wei	5 p.m.	Hughes.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver, B.C.—due Van. 6th March and Europe via Siberia (Letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (16th) 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.		Empress of Russia.
	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
Batavia	8.30 a.m.	Tijbesar.
Amoy	10 a.m.	Tijmanoe.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Sui Sang.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 7th March & Europe via Siberia (Letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) Parcels noon. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.		President McKinley.
	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17	
Amoy	5 p.m.	Kwangtung.
	8.30 a.m.	Mingang.
Halong	Noon	Porthos.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (Letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	12.30 p.m.	Hinsang.
Samsui	2 p.m.	Cremer.
Straits	2 p.m.	Chihhua.
Bangkok	2 p.m.	
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (Letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	5 p.m.	Mongolia.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

UNION INSURANCE.

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and they agreed that it is expedient and in the best interests of the shareholders to amend the Articles by providing that Board meetings and General meetings shall be held in Hong Kong or at such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Board may from time to time determine. Your directors in consultation with our lawyers have also thought it advisable that our Articles should clearly indicate that the business of the Company is managed, conducted and controlled from its head office in Hong Kong.

You will notice that we have also amended the voting power of members. In future on a poll each share will carry one vote. This Company is one of the allied Companies of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited, which holds the great majority of its shares. As it is an allied Company it is in the best interests of all concerned that the policy of the Company should be conducted and controlled by the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited. I now beg to recommend your support to the proposals placed before you and formally to propose that the Articles be amended in the manner outlined in the Resolution that has been read to you. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may care to ask.

Mr. Archbutt seconded the resolution which was carried. There were no questions. The Chairman announced that there would be another meeting on March 4 for the purpose of confirming the resolution.

STONE DEAF.

MAN WHO CAN'T READ OR WRITE.

MAGISTRATE'S QUANDARY.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with possessing five tael of illicit opium, Sub-Insp. J. Clarke informed his Worship that the man was stone deaf, the Police having been unable to get "any sense out of him." His Worship: Can't he read or write?—No. We have put some large characters in front of him and he simply nods his head. Shown the tins of opium, the defendant nodded his head in the affirmative manner.

His Worship: I suppose he means that he admits the offence, \$500 or four months. The next question to arise was that of acquitting the defendant with his Worship's sentence. This elicited a further question from Mr. Lindsell as to the man's ability to read and write.

Insp. Clarke: He can't read or write, but he knew how to run away when accosted by the constable.

His Worship said that he would consider the matter more fully. It was essential that the man be acquainted with his sentence. He would therefore be remanded until to-morrow morning.

MARSHAL FOCH'S WARNING.

Paris, Jan. 13. Field-Marshal Foch still refuses to agree that Germany has disarmed. He said: "If the Germans are going to be allowed to construct fortresses as they wish and even to manufacture heavy guns, I cannot prevent them, but shall refuse to share the responsibility." "The Conference of Ambassadors is raising objections to two issues, namely, Germany's eastern fortifications and the right to manufacture war material for export; but there are many other clauses in the disarmament plan which the Germans have not yet fulfilled."

"WHISPERING GALLERY."

London, Jan. 28. The trial was resumed of Hesketh Pearson on charges connected with the publication of "The Whispering Gallery." Pearson admitted that the diary was a fake, and said that he assumed the publishers knew that too. After an attack on the book by the "Daily Mail," he became frightened and told a whole series of lies. The case was adjourned.

FAIR, THEN FOG.

TO-MORROW'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for Hong Kong, the adjoining coast and Formosa Channel is:—Light N.E. or variable winds, generally fair, fog later.

At 11 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has decreased considerably over Japan, moderately from the Loochoos to Hong Kong and slightly from Shanghai to Chefoo. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines. The anticyclone has moved into the Pacific.

The typhoon near Yap is inclining northward. The moonsoon will be light or interrupted over the China Sea.

At 9.35 a.m. to-day Manila sent out a warning that cyclone or typhoon N.W. of Yap, moving north-west.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.86; temperature 62; humidity 91; wind East, force 3; weather, overcast.

SECRET REPORT.

BANK'S ADVANCES TO INDUSTRY.

A CRYPTIC STATEMENT.

London, Jan. 24.

The "Daily News" describes as mysterious the statement made by Sir John Ferguson, the distinguished banker, at the London School of Economics on January 18.

Sir John said: "The banks have recently made a very careful examination of the percentage of advances to all the leading industries and he did not think the facts ought to be published."

The "Daily News" comments that many industrialists strongly disagree with this generally-held banking view.

When all the talk of trade revival is going on it would be wise to let the public know how far industry is pledged to banks. Although bankers are keeping the results quiet, the "Daily News" learns on good authority that there has been a relatively high percentage of loans to the agricultural, coal-mining, iron and steel industries.

While certain specialised forms of the engineering industry are very little indebted to the banks, the cotton industry is by no means so heavily indebted to the banks as some people hint.

Advance \$900,000,000.

At present the advance made by ten clearing banks stand at nearly \$900,000,000.

With the bank-rate at five per cent., and the banking loan or overdraft rate as "one over five and varying," the cost of the bank advance now is six per cent. per annum, or by favour five and a half per cent. In consequence advances made to the ten banks round about \$50,000,000 yearly. This comes from borrowers who are in industry, therefore its bank loans will possibly cost, say, \$25,000,000 yearly.

An inquiry carried out by the bankers has shown just how far industry is pledged and what weight of bank loans each great industry carries.

The publication of the results of the inquiry might show that industry is still overwhelmingly its own master and would stimulate deposits to banks for financing a revival of trade.

"A REAL GERMAN."

Coburg (Germany), Jan. 12.

The remains of Houston Stewart Chamberlain, the renegade Englishman, were cremated in the presence of a distinguished gathering. Those present included the ex-Crown Prince, who deposited a wreath from the ex-Kaiser, ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, Prince Hohenzollern, and Herr Siegfried Wagner, Ex-Minister and Nationalist politician sent deputations. The officiating priest eulogised Chamberlain as "a real Christian and a real German."

A SUDDEN END.

"Ko Chow" Piracy Case. Surprise.

POLICE DROP CHARGE.

The "Ko Chow" piracy case came to a sudden and unexpected end at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, informed Mr. R. E. Lindsell that the prosecution could offer no evidence against the accused, who was accordingly discharged by the Magistrate.

It will be recalled that twenty-one Chinese were originally arrested in connection with the alleged attempt to effect the piracy of the vessel.

Last Thursday, however, twenty of the detained men were discharged upon the application of the Police.

At that hearing of the case, Chief Det. Insp. T. Murphy informed Mr. Lindsell that the Police were anxious that the case should be dealt with summarily, and that he had been instructed to ask his Worship to fix a date for the hearing of the case by two Magistrates. The case was accordingly set down for hearing by Messrs. Lindsell and Schofield this morning.

After ordering the accused to be discharged, his Worship made an order that the arms seized by the Police at the time the men were arrested should be consigned.

NEW RANGE OF HILLS.

London, Jan. 12. Mr. Michael Terry, having been requested by the Western Australian Government to name the range he discovered 300 miles east of Broome in 1925, has chosen Dummer Range, which is the name of his family seat at Basingstoke. Mr. Terry has expressed the opinion that the range will prove gold-bearing.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1927

28th February, 1st, 2nd & 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1—per day.

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY.

SERVANTS' PASSES. Passes for Servants will be issued upon application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession, will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th Feb. 1927.

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